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Office of the Governor to Showcase 2006 Tribute to Artists Exhibit in Honor of Black History Month

ALBUQUERQUE — In commemoration of Black History Month, an exhibition of award winning African American Art will be unveiled on February 13th at the Governor's Office in Santa Fe.

The Tribute to African American Artists Exhibit opens the week of February 13-17, 2006, in the Governor's Office located on the 4th Floor of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Selected exhibition artists include work by Fred Wilson, a nationally known sculptor, Nicole Scott, an award winning photographer, pen and ink artist Belinda Edwards and acrylic painter Jamu. Ms. Edwards is a former journalist who now uses her writing pen to illustrate exceptional pen and ink drawings. Jamu is an artist who recently relocated to Santa Fe as a result of the Hurricane Katrina disaster.

A public reception to meet the artists will be held in the Governor's Office at 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 16th.

"African American Art is an important aspect of our culture and history and we are very excited to showcase these talented and nationally recognized artists in New Mexico," said Pameyla Herndon, Coalition for the Color of Pride Committee Chairman.

In 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard Scholar, author and social analyst organized the first annual Negro History Week during the second week of February. Over a period of time, Negro History Week evolved into Black History Month.

This event was made possible by the following organizations: The National Council of Negro Women; The Links Incorporated; New Mexico Strategic Action Forum; NAACP-Santa Fe Branch; New Mexico Black Lawyers Association; and the Office of African American Affairs in coordination with the Office of the Governor to celebrate Black History Month.

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