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**VA WESTERN NEW YORK HEALTHCARE SYSTEM CELEBRATES
AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

In observance of African American History month, VA Western New York Healthcare System will celebrate with events throughout the month of February taking place in Freedom Hall, room 301. The first event, **African American Vendor's Day**, will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, February 1.

"Taste of Soul" will take place on Friday, February 15 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. African American dishes such as collard greens, sweet potatoes, pig's feet, and much more will be served. All events are open to the public.

A **Black Film Festival** will be held from noon to 1 p.m., featuring "Red Tails" with part 1 on February 20 and part 2 on February 21. "A Soldier Story" part 1 will be shown on February 27 and part 2 on February 28.

Sharon Shelton, African American Special Emphasis Program Manager states, "during this month, we have events planned to celebrate African Americans who contributed to the advancement of minorities and our cultural history."

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