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Jersey City to Raise African American Flag To Kick-Off Black History Month

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, Members of the Municipal Council, and the Jersey City Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Cultural Affairs kicks off **Black History Month** with the African American Flag Raising Ceremony at **12:00 Noon** on **Tuesday, February 1, 2011** in **City Hall**.

“The African American flag is a symbol of unity, family, strength, and dignity,” said **Mayor Healy**. “In raising the flag, we pay tribute to the contributions made by African Americans to our city and to the United States.”

As part of the Black History Month celebrations, students from grades 3 through 8 will compete in the **16th Annual Martin Luther King Oratory Contest**. The contestants, who are broken down into two grade categories: 1) grades 3 to 5 and 2) grades 6 to 8 – must memorize and present an original work of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which is judged by representatives of the business community.

Grades 3- 5 will compete on **Tuesday, February 1st** and grades 6-8 will compete on **Thursday, February 3rd**. Both competitions will be held at **3:00 p.m.** in **City Hall, 280 Grove Street**.

There will also be a **month-long group art exhibit** featuring eleven local artists: Gailene St. Amand, Joe Gilmore, Cheryl R. Riley, Rose Moultrie, Ibou Ndoye, Darin Defield, Yolanda Blue, Michael Dubose, Aura Highsmith, Gerald Glover, and Geraldine Gaines.

The exhibit will run from **February 4th through February 28th**. Gallery hours are Monday – Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information, please the Division of Cultural Affairs at (201) 547-6921.

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