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FREEDOM TRAIL® CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH AFRICAN-AMERICAN PATRIOTS TOUR

If 18th-century African-American patriot Crispus Attucks could tell you his story of life and rebellion in pre-Revolutionary Boston, what would he say? On Thursday, February 2, at 1:00 p.m., the Freedom Trail Foundation will begin celebrating Black History Month with its acclaimed African-American Patriots Tour, taking visitors through historic events of the American Revolution and the contributions of African-Americans who played a significant role in the country's formation.

Tales of intrigue and bravery, poetry and defiance by black Bostonians unfold during the 90-minute walking tour of the Freedom Trail. Led by costumed guides, visitors will view history through the eyes of revolutionaries such as Attucks, Phyllis Wheatley, Prince Hall, Peter Salem and others.

"We're excited to tell this story about the important role African-American patriots played in America's history and their contribution to our country," said Suzanne Taylor, the Foundation's executive director. "Boston's Freedom Trail is the perfect setting to celebrate Black History Month and share this part of history with visitors and residents alike."

Ideal for groups, schools, residents and those visiting the city for a meeting or convention, the 90-minute tours will be regularly offered Thursday through Sunday at 1:00 p.m. throughout February, and are available year-round for schools or private groups by reservation. All tours begin at the Visitor Information Center, 139 Tremont St., Boston Common, and affordable tickets are \$13 for adults, \$11 for seniors and students, and \$7 for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased on-line at TheFreedomTrail.org, the Visitor Information Center, Boston Common, or the ArtsBoston booth, Faneuil Hall.

Other exciting events celebrating Black History Month will be held at Freedom Trail sites along the Trail. For information regarding all events along the Trail, please visit TheFreedomTrail.org and for tickets, reservations, group rates or questions, please call 617.357.8300 or visit TheFreedomTrail.org.

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About the Freedom Trail Foundation The Freedom Trail Foundation is a non-profit foundation dedicated to marketing, promoting and preserving the Freedom Trail. The Freedom Trail is a 2.5-mile path that leads to 16 of the country's most significant historical landmarks. The Sites are not adaptations or re-creations, they are real, and each one played a pivotal role in America's rebellious beginning – familiar events such as the Boston Tea Party, the Boston Massacre, Paul Revere's role in the first battle, the Battle of Bunker Hill – and the growth of the young nation. Marked by a red brick path or a painted red line, the Trail weaves its way through Boston's proud past in the midst of this vital, modern city.

