

# Rep. Drake: The Legislative Black Caucus to host Black History Month press conference

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MADISON – The Wisconsin Legislative Black Caucus will host a Black History Month Press Conference on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 12pm. The press conference will be held at the State Capitol on the 1st Floor Rotunda. DFI Secretary-designee Olson-Collins, Secretary-Designee James Bond of Wisconsin's Department of Veterans Affairs, The Honorable Judge Everett Mitchell and other dignitaries will be in attendance as well.

“Black history is Wisconsin history, and Wisconsin history is black history. February allows us the chance to celebrate our history in this great state, and I want to thank everyone for all their hard work to put the events this month together. I encourage people to make time and attend our events throughout the month,” Rep. Drake, the Chair of the Legislative Black Caucus stated.

Throughout February, members of the Legislative Black Caucus will be hosting events in Madison and Milwaukee to celebrate Black History Month. Listed below are the member's events:

Business and Non-profit week: February 1-3

Events will be hosted by Representative Haywood, Representative Madison, and Senator Taylor

*Screening of Vel Philips' Dream Big Dreams on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 2pm*

Joint Finance Rm, State Capitol, Joint Finance Rm

*Small Minority Business Conversation with the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance on February 3 from 11am-1pm*

Small Minority Business Center, Milwaukee

Health Week: February 6-10

Events will be hosted by Senator Johnson

*Black History Month: African American Health and Mental Health Forum February 7 at 5:30pm and February 9 at 5:30pm*

Virtual

Education Week: February 13-17

Events will be hosted by Senator Taylor and Representative Myers

*Blood Drive with Versiti on February 14*

Vincent High School, Milwaukee

*Lunch and Learn Lecture with Dr. Cedric Burrows of Marquette University on February 15*

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*K-12 Education Resource Fair on February 16*

African American Women's Center

Criminal Justice Week: February 20-24

Events will be hosted by Senator Taylor, Representative Drake, Representative Moore-Omokunde, Representative Baldeh, & Representative Madison

*Wisconsin Day of Empathy with Dream.Org February 22 from 10am-4pm*

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*Panel on Wisconsin Environmental Justice in Black Communities February 23 from*

5-7pm

Riverside Urban Ecology Center, Milwaukee

*Climate Justice/Impact to Global Community on February 24 from 1-4pm*

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*Black Lobby Day in partnership with the Black Legislative Action Coalition on February 28 from 9a-4p*

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