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## **African American Heritage Museum Unveils Sign**

WILMINGTON, NC - October 15, 2007 – A sign of things to come will be revealed Saturday, October 27, 2007 at the Richter Building on the corner of Harnett and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets in Wilmington. The public is invited to the 10 AM unveiling of new signage on the site of the planned African American Heritage Museum. John Battle, president of the board of directors of the African American Heritage Foundation of Wilmington, will preside over the brief ceremony.

The African American Heritage Museum will showcase the black experience within North Carolina and in its context within American history. The proposed museum will be a repository for artifacts and memorabilia, a venue for traveling exhibitions, and a center for education, cultural enrichment and entertainment for every age group. The Richter Building holds historical significance in that it stands near the intersection where the first bloodshed associated with the 1898 Wilmington Riot took place.

The African American Heritage Foundation of Wilmington, a nonprofit organization, was incorporated in February 2004.

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