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Passaic Vicinage Commemorates Black History Month

The Passaic Vicinage will commemorate Black History Month with a special program on Friday, Feb. 22 from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. in the freeholders' meeting room on the second floor of the Passaic County Administration Building, 401 Grand St., Paterson.

Hester H. Agudosi, chief diversity officer for New Jersey, will serve as keynote speaker.

A soloist from the Rosa Parks School of Fine and Performing Arts in Paterson will perform. The Junior ROTC from Eastside High School of Government and Public Administration in Paterson will present the colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agudosi oversees the state's Affirmative Action Program and monitors employment policies, practices and state programs to ensure fairness and consistency with the state's Equal Employment Opportunity policy. She previously served as director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Public Contract Assistance at the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Agudosi received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Notre Dame and a law degree from the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University. She is a member of the Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey, the New Jersey State Bar Association and the New Jersey Lawyers Assistance Program.

This event, co-sponsored by the vicinage's Equal Employment Opportunity/ Affirmative Action Advisory Committee and its Committee on Minority Concerns, is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.