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## **Ambassador Reynoso: “Black Americans have left an indelible mark” on the US**

### **National Black History Month**

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**USPA NEWS** - Each February, National Black History Month serves as both a celebration and a powerful reminder that “Black history is American history, Black culture is American culture, and Black stories are essential to the ongoing story of America,” as the White House said. On this Wednesday, the US Ambassador in Spain, Julissa Reynoso, remarked the importance of the black people in the history of the United States.

“Throughout the month of February, we’ve been pleased to celebrate the lives and achievements of so many Black Americans that have left an indelible mark on the history of our great nation,” said the US Ambassador. “We’ve featured scientists like Percy Julian, authors like Octavia Butler and bell hooks, and brave athletes like Ibtihaj Muhamad,” she added.

“And of course I’m honored to follow in the footsteps of the incomparable Ambassador Terence A. Todman, one of my predecessors as Ambassador to Spain and Andorra. Yet as we celebrate Black History Month, we recognize the persistent discrimination and challenges faced by Black communities in the United States and around the world, throughout history and continuing today,” explained Ambassador Julissa Reynoso.

And concluded: “As such, today I am proud to display a banner affirming that Black Lives Matter. As Amanda Gorman said in 'The Hill We Climb,' her poem for President Biden’s inauguration just over a year ago, “being American is more than a pride we inherit. It’s the past we step into and how we repair it.”

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