

# KENT COUNTY CELEBRATES AND

# MAKES BLACK HISTORY



1. **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** - Clergyman who advocated for social change through non-violent means. Activist and prominent leader in the American civil rights movement who sought racial equality and civil rights in the United States.
2. **Barack Hussein Obama II** - First African-American President of the United States.
3. **Darrel K. Singleton** - First African-American Kent County Sheriff's Department Captain.
4. **Harriet Tubman** - Abolitionist, humanitarian and union spy during the U.S. Civil War. Best known for missions to rescue slaves using the Underground Railroad.
5. **Thurgood Marshall** - American jurist and the first African-American to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States. Best remembered for his high success rate in arguing before the Supreme Court and for the victory in *Brown v. Board of Education*.
6. **George Washington Carver** - American scientist, botanist, educator and inventor whose studies and teachings revolutionized agriculture in the United States.
7. **Colin Luther Powell** - American statesman, retired four-star general in the United States Army and first African-American United States Secretary of State.
8. **Asa Philip Randolph** - Prominent twentieth-century African-American civil rights leader and the founder of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, a landmark for labor and particularly for African-American labor organizing.
9. **Wayman Britt** - First African-American Kent County Assistant Administrator.
10. **Dr. Condoleezza Rice** - First African-American woman to serve as United States Secretary of State and former National Security Advisor.
11. **Dr. Daniel Hale Williams** - African-American physician and surgical pioneer who performed the first successful open-heart surgery. Organizer of the Provident Hospital, the first black hospital in the United States.
12. **Sonya Dean** - First African-American Kent County Chief Deputy County Clerk.
13. **Linda S. Likely** - First African-American Kent County Department Director.
14. **Frederick Douglass** - American abolitionist, women's suffragist, editor, orator, author, statesman, reformer and first African-American nominated as a Vice Presidential candidate in the United States.
15. **Malcolm X** (born Malcolm Little) - African-American Muslim minister, public speaker, human rights activist and advocate for the rights of African-Americans.
16. **Booker (T) J. Washington** - American educator, orator, author and leader in the African-American community. Former leader of the new Tuskegee Institute, then a teachers' college for blacks.



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