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Ben Jealous to Visit Gloucester March 5

Ben Jealous, a prominent civil rights leader, will visit Gloucester's colonial courthouse March 5, at 2 p.m. to conduct a free lecture and book signing. Jealous is the youngest person to serve as NAACP President and CEO; and is the newly-appointed executive director of the Sierra Club. He draws on lessons from his life, his family, and his work in a deeply personal and timely new book, "NEVER FORGET OUR PEOPLE WERE ALWAYS FREE: A Parable of American Healing."

Jealous has devoted his life and career, including his tenure as President of the NAACP, to ending injustice and racism by strengthening the bonds among Americans of all races, creeds, colors, and political ideologies. In his book, Jealous draws inspiring lessons and hope for restoring the country's strength and unity from stories of his ancestors, both black and white, as well as his pathbreaking partnerships with conservative leaders and Republican governors, including Jack Kemp, Newt Gingrich, and Bob McDonnell.

Throughout his book, Jealous interweaves vivid anecdotes of family, friends, mentors, colleagues, and strangers who have shaped his life's mission and his faith in humanity.

"We are excited to welcome Ben Jealous to Gloucester. He is a civil rights icon and American hero," said Robert Kelly, Gloucester County's Museums Coordinator. "His book, 'NEVER FORGET OUR PEOPLE WERE ALWAYS FREE' will help us reflect on where we've been, where we are, and where we are going as a country and society."

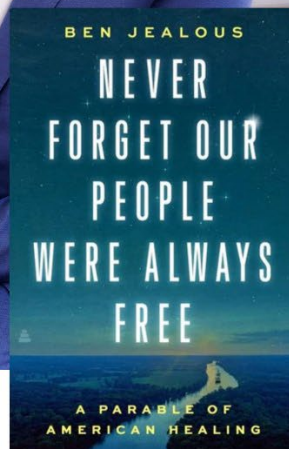
"The partnership between the Gloucester Historical Society and Museum of History enables us to bring both national attention and local awareness to the diverse culture and history of our community," added Warren Deal, President of the Gloucester Historical Society.

This free lecture and book signing will be hosted by the Gloucester Museum of History, the Friends of the Museum, the Fairfield Foundation, and the Gloucester Historical Society. The colonial courthouse is located at 6504 Main Street, Gloucester, VA 23061. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

BEN JEALOUS

Lecture & Book Signing

Sunday, March 5th | 2 PM
FREE & Open to the Public



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*"One of the nation's most prominent Civil Rights leaders."
- The Washington Post*

Historic Gloucester Court House
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*Hosted By: Gloucester Museum of History, Friends of the Museum &
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