

# **New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park to host 1619 remembrance of the first enslaved Africans to North America**

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park will host an event on Saturday, October 26th, 2019 commemorating the 1619 arrival of the first enslaved Africans in English-occupied North America. The event will begin at 1:00 PM at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William Street. The event is free to the public.

At 1:00 PM the singer Candida Rose, poet laureate Patricia Gomes, and a local Choir Group will perform African American themed poetry and call and response spirituals. That will be followed by a dialogue with Park Ranger Rufai Shardow on slavery.