

Black History Month 2022 'Black Health and Wellness'

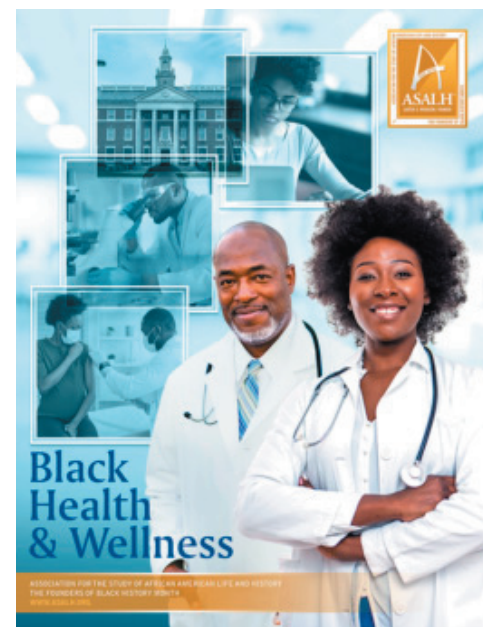
By Pa. Senate Democrats

HARRISBURG - Every February, we honor the history, achievements, and legacies of black Americans during Black History Month. The month is an important time to put focus on education and recognition of the tremendous impact African Americans' have had in our country and commonwealth throughout history.

The theme for Black History Month 2022 is Black Health and Wellness. The theme celebrates Black scholars and medical practitioners, both historical and those currently on the front lines of the COVID-19 epidemic and other public health crises that are disproportionately affecting Black communities. It also calls attention to the need for better and more equitable healthcare access, treatment, and outcomes for African Americans.

There are many ways to recognize Black History Month and Black Health and Wellness in Pennsylvania. Take time to read about great minds from Pennsylvania who have been important in moving the medical field forward, like Caroline Still Anderson and Nathan Mossell. Continue to share information about the safety and effectiveness of vaccines. Learn about certain health issues that are leading causes of death for Black Americans- like heart disease, cancer, and stroke- and how to prevent those diseases. Or reach out to your elected state officials for detail on how they specifically are supporting improved equity and access in healthcare for African Americans in Pennsylvania.

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A Closer Look at Wolf's Record \$43.7 Billion Budget

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

BANGOR - The House Appropriations Committee launched its annual budget hearings this week to delve into the details of Gov. Tom Wolf's record-high spending proposal that relies upon revenue estimates that far exceed those offered by the state's nonpartisan Independent Fiscal Office (IFO).

Secretary of Revenue Daniel Hassel struggled to explain how the administration's estimates are \$762 million higher than the IFO's in fiscal year 2022-23 and cumulatively \$5 billion higher than IFO's estimates over the next five years. IFO Director Matt Knittel described the governor's estimate as "optimistic" and noted the loss of the massive amount of federal stimulus funds will lead to a decline in sales taxes as people have less money to spend.

It is our responsibility to ensure we pass a balanced budget that meets the needs of the Commonwealth without spending beyond our means. IFO was created specifically to ensure factual, unbiased numbers to work from when creating our budgets, and we need to listen to the experts.

The committee also heard from officials with the departments



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Kristin Hoffman to Lead Business Development at LVEDC

By Colin McEvoy on February 15, 2022

Kristin Cahayla-Hoffman, who has spent more than a decade in corporate real estate at Air Products, will join Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC) next week to lead its business development and attraction efforts.



Cahayla-Hoffman, most recently manager of real estate at the Fortune 500 company, will become LVEDC's Vice President of Business Development and Attraction, a position that was unfilled since the departure of Matt Tuerk to run successfully for Mayor of Allentown.

Cahayla-Hoffman will join LVEDC's leadership team where she will be responsible for leading the regional economic development organization's business attraction, retention, and expansion initiatives.

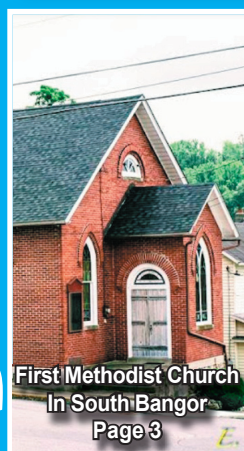
"Kristin is a seasoned professional with a wealth of private sector corporate real estate and asset management experience at a Fortune 500 company," said LVEDC President & CEO Don Cunningham. "She will give LVEDC a unique insight into how companies assess corporate real estate transactions. In addition, she's already very active in national associations that LVEDC works closely with to market the region's economic assets and to attract companies in targeted areas."

Cahayla-Hoffman is an active member of the International Asset Management Council (IAMC), the nation's leading industrial and

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