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The Weyanoke Association for Red-Black History & Culture

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### THIRTEENTH ANNUAL “COMING TOGETHER” FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN CHARLES CITY

***COMING TOGETHER: The Link and Legacy of Native and African Americans*** will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 13th, rain or shine. There will be drumming, dancing, singing, discussion, cultural information and vendors. The observance marks the 392nd anniversary of the African settlement near the Weyanoke Indians in what is now Charles City County. This thirteenth annual free outdoor event, sponsored by the Weyanoke Association, will be held at the Harrison Lake National Fish Hatchery, 11110 Kimages Road, Charles City. Call (804) 878-3167 or (757) 826-6437 for more information.

The heritage of both indigenous North America and Africa will be celebrated. There will be a procession, a brief program and ample opportunity for informal learning and discussion. Dr. Arica Coleman, University of Delaware, will share a tribute to Dr. Jack Forbes, Indian scholar and activist.

Many people are not aware that most “African Americans” have significant Native ancestry. Frequently, their Native ancestors are much more recent and easily verified than their African ancestors. The country’s long-standing bias against Africa and her sons and daughters has led to the downplaying of the relationship between Africans and Native Americans. The Weyanoke Association’s mission is to help people become aware of the importance of, and the intersections between, Native and African American history and culture.

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