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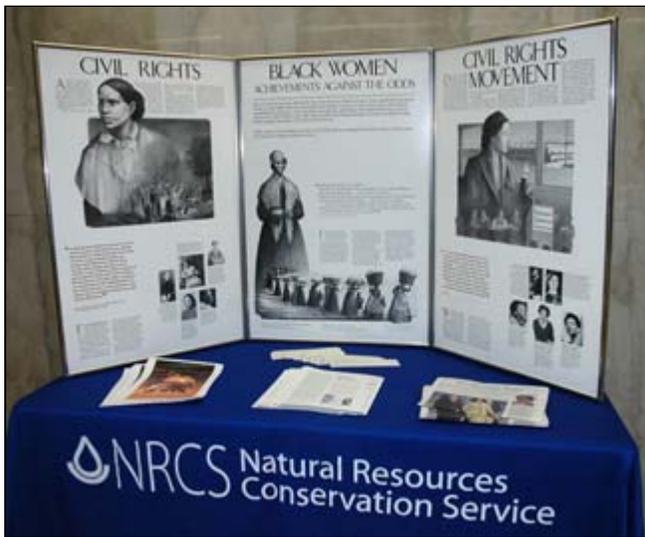
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NRCS CELEBRATES 2009 BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Utah NRCS Civil Rights Advisory Committee is providing a traveling exhibit that will appear in the state office and in each NRCS area office during the February observance of Black History Month. The exhibit (shown in the accompanying photo) explains how each of our lives have been affected by the achievements of black women. From the abolitionist Sojourner Truth to writer Nikki Giovanni, thousands have labored on many fronts and in many roles toward essentially the same goal—to see freedom triumph. It also explains the role that the Civil Rights Movement played in advancing equality in America.



Attached is a copy of the winning poster featuring the Black History Month theme, "The Quest for Citizenship in the Americas." It was produced by Ms. Devie Perry, a visual information specialist with the NRCS Public

Affairs Division. You may go the the following link to view the top four runner-up posters:
<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/about/civilrights/BEPage.html>.

The civil rights committee also helped place an ad listing NRCS services and career opportunities in the February issue of *The Diversity Times*, a monthly publication that reaches a diverse audience in Utah.

The exhibit was developed and is being coordinated by Marnie Wilson, Federal Women's Special Emphasis Program Manager for the Utah NRCS Civil Rights Advisory Committee. Marnie (marnie.wilson@ut.usda.gov) is Outreach Coordinator in the state office.

For more information about Black History Month and black emphasis programs in Utah, contact Barry Hamilton, Black Special Emphasis Program Manager for the Utah NRCS Civil Rights Advisory Committee. Barry (barry.hamilton@ut.usda.gov) is the Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations in Area III.

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