

**John E. Rogers African American Cultural Center**  
Presents Celebration of

# **Connecticut's Black Governors**



**OCTOBER 2, 2003**

Program at 5:30 – 7:30 P.M.

**Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106**



Colonial America's participation in slavery required that the Africans, despite difference of culture, custom and language, be conditioned as a labor force. Further, civil relationships and conduct had to be promoted within their new community, in order to maintain a cohesive work force. Over time, a form of self government was introduced for the slave community. The slaves were encouraged to elect individuals mutually respected for their contributions and leadership to their community. Those so recognized functioned like a chief to lead, counsel and intercede on a slaves' behalf within and without the slave community, as Black Governors.

**Refreshments • Reservations Requested**

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