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**Kansas African American Affairs Commission to gather oral histories**

**Topeka—** The Kansas African American Affairs commission has developed a project called “A New Black Friday” to encourage African-American families to start a new tradition of talking about family stories the day or weekend after Thanksgiving.

“Much is known about the history of our Great State,” said Dr. Mildred Edwards. “Gathering African-American family histories will help us gather even more knowledge on the history of Kansas and our rich heritage.”

Families are encouraged to speak with grandparents, great-grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, or any other elders about their memories by selecting questions from the KAAAC brochure. After conducting the interview, participants are asked to write a short essay and submit it to the Kansas African American Affairs Commission on or before Jan. 1, 2014. For more information on this program go to: [www.kaaac.ks.gov](http://www.kaaac.ks.gov).

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