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Gov. Whitman to Participate in Dedication of Jackie Robinson Statue and Sign Proclamation to Mark African-American History Month in New Jersey

Gov. Christie Whitman will participate in the dedication of a statue of Hall of Fame baseball player Jackie Robinson tomorrow at the Journal Square PATH Station in Jersey City. Robinson broke the color barrier in organized baseball while playing baseball for the Montreal Royals, a minor league affiliate of the Brooklyn Dodgers, against the Jersey City Giants team in April, 1946.

The Governor also will sign a proclamation to mark African-American History Month in New Jersey.

Others participants in the ceremony will include Rachel Robinson, widow of Robinson; Leonard S. Coleman, President of the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs and Chair of the Jackie Robinson Foundation, and Bret Schundler, Mayor of Jersey City.

The statue was made possible by the work of a partnership of the Jackie Robinson Foundation; the State Department of Commerce and Economic Development; New Jersey Sports History Commission; the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and other sponsors.

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