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# 'Soul Week' to promote city's African American-owned restaurants

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There are more than 25 African-American owned restaurants and catering businesses in the Albuquerque area, and [Cathryn McGill](#) wants to highlight them all.

So McGill, who is the founder and director of the New Mexico Black History Organizing Committee, is talking up "Taste of Soul Week" — part of the fourth annual New Mexico Black History Month Festival that runs in February.

Taste of Soul Week, from Feb. 1 through Feb. 8, kicks off a month's worth of events that McGill says cover six areas — cuisine, small business promotion, arts and culture, education, youth development and health. Participating restaurants include Nexus Brewery, Mr. Powdrell's Barbeque House, Chillz Frozen Custard, Pasión Latin Fusion and Becker Street Pub. Caterers include Q's Cupcakes and Cakes, Trinity's Treats and Karibu Café.

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"The partnerships that we have created for the Taste of Soul Week this year are strategic and important to the long-term economic impact that black-owned businesses will have in Albuquerque and New Mexico's future," McGill said. "Everyone benefits when we have thriving business in New Mexico, and this effort is our opportunity to pay particular attention to a group of hardworking folks who deserve it."

The Taste of Soul events take place at several locations. A list of locations and events are [available online](#). New this year to the New Mexico Black History Month Festival is the "Hospitality Awards" on Feb. 2, which McGill describes as a way to partner businesses, the hospitality industry and economic development groups.

For a full list of participating restaurants, events and locations, click [here](#).

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