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**Representative Shelia Stubbs Celebrates Africa Fest 2019 and
Commemorates “Year of the Return”**

MADISON, WI – This year marks the 21st annual celebration of Africa Fest, a festival that celebrates Africa and Africa’s contribution to our Madison community, including the arts, food, and culture. This year, Africa Fest featured performances from Dobet Gnahoré & Na Afriki Band, Tani Diakite & the Afrofunkstars, and other storytelling and craft performances. This year also marks the 400th anniversary of the first enslaved Africans landing on the shores of Jamestown, Virginia. Rep. Stubbs offered the following comments on this historic anniversary:

“This weekend I was honored and humbled to join organizers and community members to celebrate Madison’s 21st annual celebration of Africa Fest. The festival featured culturally enriching performances, art, and foods. It was a great opportunity to build community and showcase the contributions that Africa has made to our community and communities throughout the country. I want to thank the organizers for maintaining this great festival for 21 years now.

“This year also marks the 400th year anniversary of enslaved Africans first arriving on the shores of what would later become the United States of America. As we reflect on this historic anniversary, I want to thank Governor Evers for issuing a proclamation recognizing the historic birth right journey from Jamestown in Accra, Ghana to Jamestown, Virginia. As we celebrate Africa Fest, reflect on the journey over the past 400 years, let us remember that the struggle for equity, freedom, and justice for all peoples of the African diaspora are woven together through collective origin, struggle, pain, and pride”

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