

28th Annual Maafa COMMEMORATION

Sunday | October 8, 2023

RECOMMEND
MASKS AND COVID 19
SAFETY PROTOCOLS

*Predawn
Ceremony @ 6 am*

*@Ocean Beach, San Francisco
(Fulton & Great Highway)*

*The Maafa ritual is an honoring of our past and a prayer for our future.
Black people, people of African descent, are invited to share in this remembrance*

*Wear white, bring instruments to play, flowers and food for the ancestors,
candles for the altar, prayers, poetry, a song to share.*

**Livestreaming from [FB.com/maafabayarea](https://www.facebook.com/maafabayarea)*



The term "Maafa" is Kiswahili for "terrible occurrence" or "reoccurring disaster" and has been used to describe the European slave trade or the Middle Passage. The term "Maafa" also references the Black Holocaust historically and presently. In the San Francisco Bay Area, October is Maafa Awareness Month—it is a time to reflect on the legacy of slavery: victims and beneficiaries in the short and long term and look at ways to mend, repair and heal the damage to Pan African descendants of the enslaved and their New Afrikan societies. The toll has been tremendous: psychological, economic, social, physical, emotional and spiritual.

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