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Book Talk: *We've Been Here Before:* *How Rebellion and Activism Have Always Sustained America*

Trenton, NJ (For immediate release) — The Trent House Association presents a talk by Angela Dodson, co-author of *We've Been Here Before: How Rebellion and Activism Have Always Sustained America*, forthcoming in June 2026, on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at 2 pm via Zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/DodsonTalk>. Contributions to a scholarship fund established in memory of the book's co-author, Michael Days, an award-winning journalist, are encouraged at <https://givebutter.com/mikedaysscholarship>.

2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, a revolutionary document proclaiming the rights of all people to “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” While the nation founded on these principles has not always been successful in fulfilling the ideals of equality, justice, and freedom, a deeper look at our history reveals key revolutionary moments in which the promise of America has been pursued and more fully realized.

We've Been Here Before: How Rebellion and Activism Have Always Sustained America draws together the stories of these moments as a powerful reminder that America has always been both challenged and reinvigorated by resistance and activism. The book's authors give profiles of those who led those movements, paying particular attention to the contributions of women and people of color, and reminding us that the efforts of individuals can propel change.

Ms. Dodson is a long-term journalist and Trenton resident, as was her late husband and co-author Michael Days. Ms. Dodson is author of *Remember the Ladies: Celebrating Those Who Fought for Freedom at the Ballot Box* and editor of *We Refuse to be Silent: Women's Voices on Justice for Black Men*. Mr. Days, who passed away suddenly in October 2025, was a nationally recognized journalist, Pulitzer Prize-winning editor, and former editor of the Philadelphia Daily News and vice president of the Philadelphia Inquirer. Among his passions were mentoring young journalists and the Philadelphia chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ-Philadelphia), a non-profit organization, has established a scholarship fund in his

memory. Donations to this fund are tax-deductible and can be made at <https://givebutter.com/mikedaysscholarship>

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