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City of Columbia to Observe Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Special Events Planned All Weekend

A wreath laying will kickoff a weekend of events to celebrate the memory of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The South Carolina NAACP will hold a brief ceremony at 12 Noon on Friday, January 13, 2012 at the Stone of Hope at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Park and Community Center, 2300 Greene Street.

On Saturday, January 14, the 22nd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. 5K Run/Fitness Walk will be held at Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park and Community Center. On-site registration begins at 8 .am. The race and walk will start at 9:00 a. m. Register online at www.strictlyrunning.com. For more information, call 803.254.8070 or email kolonel@bellsouth.net. Proceeds will benefit the Frye Foundation, which supports individuals dealing with Diabetes and Mental Illness and Dream Keeper Scholarships.

On Monday, January 16, at 3:06 p.m., the hour that Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was founded, a brief memorial will be held at the corner of Greene and Harden streets in Five Points, the site of the historic marker denoting the honorary designation of Harden Street as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

The City of Columbia's official Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration begins immediately following the historic marker service at 4 p.m. on Monday, January 16, at Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park and Community Center. The hour-long program will feature keynote speaker Jack Easterby, Campus Director University of South Carolina Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Special guests include: The Redeem'd Singers, Grace Church of Columbia and Genesis Church. A drill tribute will be performed by the Richland County Cadet Squadron SC Wing Civil Air Patrol at WG Sanders Middle School. The National Anthem will be sung by Irmo High School Senior, Dinah Alexis Brooker.

The 2012 Dream Keeper Scholarship winners will be announced during the program.

All of the events are part of the City of Columbia's Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday celebration planned by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Foundation. The events are co-sponsored by Bridging the Gap, Alpha, Inc., Omicron Iota Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc, G & B Resources Legal Nurse Consultants, and the Alpha Phi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., an organization dedicated to developing leaders, promoting brotherhood and advocacy for minority communities.

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