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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Celebration March and Parade Continues to Grow with Community Support**

Albuquerque, NM December 12, 2006 – The New Mexico Martin Luther King, Jr. State Commission, in conjunction with the City of Albuquerque, will host the 2007 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday March and Parade on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 2:00pm.

This event, which is open to the public, will begin on the corner of University Blvd and Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. proceeding west to Civic Plaza where there will be a brief closing ceremony followed by entertainment. The MLK March and Parade is an opportunity for people of all nationalities, races, religions, and creeds to come together to support Dr. King's dream of multicultural unity, acceptance, and love.

Jo Ella Redmon, Executive Director for the MLK State Commission commented of this year's celebration by remarking, "It is extremely gratifying to see support still growing in Albuquerque and New Mexico for this event and for Dr. King's legacy. We celebrate the life and philosophies of a man who brought hope and healing to America. To this end, we commemorate the timeless values he taught us through his own example: the values of courage, truth, justice, compassion, dignity, humility, and service."

The New Mexico Martin Luther King, Jr. State Commission is responsible for promoting and developing community programs designed to meet the needs of all NM citizens. The MLK State Commission also coordinates and reviews statewide plans and activities for the annual commemoration and celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. For further information, contact Jo Ella Redmon at 505.841.9117.

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### **Calendar Information**

- What:** Martin Luther King Holiday March and Parade
- When:** Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007, beginning at 2:00pm
- Where:** Corner of Martin Luther King Blvd and University Blvd proceeding west to Civic Plaza for ceremony and special entertainment
- Who:** Sponsored by the State of New Mexico Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission and the City of Albuquerque
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- Information:** The Martin Luther King, Jr. State Commission office provides information regarding Dr. King and the annual Holiday March and Parade