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## Nominate lowans Committed to Equality and Service Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Given in January

DES MOINES – The Iowa Department of Human Rights' Commission on the Status of African Americans is seeking nominations for two awards which honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Commission will present Achievement Awards and Service Project Awards at the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on January 19, 2015. Iowans are encouraged to nominate deserving individuals in the following categories:

- 1. Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Achievement Award: Recognizes individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to Dr. King's vision, helping others, cultural awareness, diversity, active community participation and promoting racial equality of all people in Iowa.
- 2. Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Project Award: Recognizes individuals and/or organizations who are or have participated in a service project that has strengthened their Iowa community, such as mentoring, reading to children at community centers or shelters, restoring schools, building playgrounds, and organizing neighborhood watches, etc.

Nomination forms must be postmarked by December 7, 2014. Anyone with questions may contact Kim Cheeks in the Office on the Status of African Americans at 515-281-3274 or 800-351-4659.

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Nomination forms are attached to this email.