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**CITY OF WARREN CELEBRATES  
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY  
AT WARREN CITY HALL MONDAY, JANUARY 20**

**Warren, MI** – The City of Warren will celebrate its first annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day event at Warren City Hall Monday, January 20 from noon – 1 p.m.

The public, including non-residents of Warren, is invited at no charge.

Warren Mayor Jim Fouts said the celebration of Dr. King's 85th birthday is held with the co-operation of Life Application Ministries Christian Church (LAM) in Warren. Fouts also said the celebration is being held because the evening dinner event formerly held in Warren by Interfaith Center for Racial Justice has been moved to another location. "We wanted to keep this important event in Warren during the day for convenience purposes," said Fouts.

A portrait of Dr. King will be donated by LAM to the City for display in the City's atrium, and artifacts from the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History will be on display for the first time outside the museum.

LAM is also unveiling a new Dr. King portrait for permanent display in the City of Warren atrium.

"This promises to be a memorable event that honors Dr. King's and Nelson Mandela's contributions to the civil rights struggle," said Fouts.

**A copy of the program is attached.**

**City of Warren Observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
**A Day of Service**  
**From Martin Luther King to Mandela**  
Monday, January 20, 2014 Noon-1 p.m.  
Program Order

**Theme**

*From MLK to Mandela – Reflections of the Past and Expectations for the Future: Bridging the Gap*

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” Letter from Birmingham Jail April, 1963 MLK

**Opening Selections** (5 minutes)

*Lift Every Voice*

LAM Christian Church Adult Choir

**Prayer** (2 minutes)

UAW Representative

**Pledge of Allegiance** (2 minutes)

Led by Mayor’s Student Advisory Council

**Poem** (3 minutes)

*“Bridging the Gap”*

Author Jade Bailey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Susick Elementary School Teacher, WCS

**Reflections of the Past** (5 minutes)

Bishop Adolphus L. Cast

**Eyes on the Prize** (4 minute video clip)

**Expectations for the Future** (5 minutes)

Pastor Dorian Cast

**Moment of Silence** (1 minute)

**Community Involvement/Activism** (3 minutes)

Dr. Jim Jacobs-President, Macomb Community College

**Commitment to Serve** (5-7 minutes)

Mayor Fouts

**Closing Remarks** (2 minutes)

*Jocelyn Howard, Warren Planning Commission,*  
LAM Community Liaison

**Final Selections** (5 minutes)

*Oh, Happy Day*

LAM Christian Church Youth Choir

**“I Have a Dream” Speech**

(video presentation should be playing at the conclusion of the program)