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**Springfield's 14th Annual Martin Luther
King, Jr.
March & Celebration**

Monday, January 16, 2012

The City of Springfield invites citizens to the 14th annual Martin Luther King Jr. March & Celebration on Monday, January 16th. Police Chief Jerry Smith will start the march at the Springfield Justice Center, 230 4th street at 1:30 ending at Springfield High School, 875 7th street where the celebration will be held from 2:00-4:00 pm.

This event will feature a student art reception with local K-12 student entries of essays, poetry and art in honor of Dr. King. The opening address will be given by Mayor Christine Lundberg followed by speeches from top winners of the High School speech entries. Eric Richardson's Invisible Arts Project will provide entertainment as well as performances by: Rockin' Amigos, Springfield High School Choir, Mariachi del Sol and Hamlin Middle School Choir. Come and celebrate the legacy of Dr. King, see contest entries, and enjoy musical performances. This event is free and open to the public.

What: A celebration recognizing Dr. King through K-12 student entries of essays, poetry and art.

When/Where: March begins at 1:30 P.M. at the Springfield Justice Center at 230 4th Street. Celebration at Springfield High School from 2:00-4:00 P.M.

Program: Opening remarks by Mayor Christine Lundberg and Police Chief Jerry Smith; Speeches by the contest winners; music by Rockin' Amigos, Springfield High Choir, Mariachi del Sol, Hamlin Middle School Choir and Eric Richardson's Invisible Arts Project.

Price: This is a free event.