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### **2010 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED** Community Invited To Participate In 22nd Annual Hawai`i Celebration

**Parade & Vendor Applications Now Available at <http://mlk-hawaii.com/home/>**

**HONOLULU: DECEMBER 18, 2009** — The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition-Hawai`i (MLK) is again honored to extend our invitation to the community and its many organizations and individuals to participate in the 22nd Annual MLK Celebration Parade & Rally on Monday, January 18, 2010. All are invited to participate in the numerous other related events near this date. Our 2010 theme is another of Dr King's profound statement: "*We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now.*"

### **SCHEDULE OF 2010 MLK EVENTS** (Please send us information about your organization's related MLK event)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2010; 12 Noon: The Royal Hawaiian Band (RHB) Concert at Iolani Palace** is dedicated to Queen Liliuokalani and Dr. King. The RHB under the direction of Bandmaster Michael Nakasone, was founded in 1836 by King Kamehameha III and is one of the last living links to Hawaii's monarchy. Now an agency of the City & County of Honolulu, the RHB is the only full-time municipal band in the United States.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2010; 5:30 p.m - Annual Candlelight & Bell Ringing Ceremony at Honolulu's Nagasaki Peace Bell on the grounds of Honolulu Hale; Lauhala and Beretania Streets**  
We celebrate this solemn event on Dr. King's actual birthday (January 15, 1929-April 4, 1968). Dr. King said, "There will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring." **MORE...**

We will again make a resounding noise with our bell ringing to proclaim the fundamental importance of freedom in our own lives, in our island, our nation, and our world. And we will ring out to call attention to the insensitivity, injustice, and inequality that curtails freedom and happiness throughout society. While our actions are symbolic, they have tremendous potential. We invite you to join in this wonderful work beginning today. Make freedom ring!

**MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2010; 9 am:** The 22nd Annual Parade will travel down Kalakaua Avenue from Magic Island and culminates with a post-parade Unity Rally at Kapiolani Park. After the parade, the bandstand comes alive all day with stellar music and entertainment. There wil be great local & ethnic foods, a children's playground, community booths and other vendors. Hawaii's parade is truly "the people's parade". In 2009, over 50 units and some 1000 people marched or rode in the parade, many thousands watched from the sidewalks and buildings in Waikiki and an estimated 3000 attended the 2009 post-parade celebration.

**The MLK Coalition also co-sponsor the International Peace Poem Project** with local winners announced in April of 2010 by each of the island Mayors. We invite you to view the web-site @ <<http://www.peacepoem.org>> to learn how you can participate in this worldwide affirmation of the sanctity of the human spirit.

**Our annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Souvenir book** is free and available to the public during the various events. Mahalo to the City & County of Honolulu for their kind assistance and kokua. Previous books can be read and downloaded at: <[http://mlk-hawaii.com/home/?page\\_id=11](http://mlk-hawaii.com/home/?page_id=11)>

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