

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial

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### NAACP Statement on Dedication of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial

(Washington, DC) – The NAACP has released the following statements from Chairman Roslyn M. Brock and NAACP President CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous regarding the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial:

“Few people shaped our culture and our nation in the 20<sup>th</sup> century more than Dr. King,” stated Chairman Brock. “His legacy of social justice and activism has played an integral role in so much of what we take for granted today. However, his most enduring gift may be the faith that he had in the next generation to continue his mission. I am proud to be part of the enduring civil rights struggle in this country.”

“Dr. King’s message of equality was first etched in the hearts and minds of the American people,” stated President Jealous. “We have come a long way since the era of Jim Crow segregation. Still, we have not yet realized Dr. King’s dream. As we confront modern civil rights issues like over incarceration and employment discrimination against the unemployed, and continue fighting old demons like voter suppression and chronic under-education, we must each seek to embody the spirit of this great man who helped keep us all on the path to the Promised Land.”

NAACP leaders will be in attendance at the October 16 “Dedicate the Dream” ceremony. Leaders will be available for interviews by phone from 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm, and before the event begins. **Please contact Ben Wrobel at (917) 846-0658 to schedule an interview.**

Additionally, some members of the NAACP National Board of Directors will be available for interviews from 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm. Please contact Ben Wrobel for further information.

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### **Walmart Statement Regarding the Dedication of the**

### **Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial in Washington, D.C.**

“As we honor and remember Dr. King during this weekend’s dedication, we should all be inspired by his commitment to freedom, opportunity and justice for Americans of all backgrounds.

This Memorial is a permanent testimony to the historical significance of Dr. King, his dream and the role we all must play in making his vision come to life. Through our support of the Memorial, we’re proud to help ensure the legacy of Dr. King lives on for generations to come.”

--- Sharon Orlopp, Global Chief Diversity Officer, Walmart

### **Background:**

### **Walmart’s Support of the MLK Memorial**

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Walmart has been a major supporter of the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial in Washington, D.C., contributing a total of \$1.5 million in cash and issuing a \$12.5 million letter of credit which helped the MLK Memorial Foundation raise the funds necessary to complete the memorial.

### About Walmart

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