January 16, 2015
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Raleigh, North Carolina

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Liberty Bell
Ringing Ceremony

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Welcome and Purpose of the Bell Ringing
Emily Williams, Executive Director
North Carolina Human Relations Commission

Invocation
Dr. Dumas A. Harshaw, Jr., Martin Luther King Commissioner

Reflections
Clarence Henderson
Chairman, NC Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission

Reading of Governor’s Proclamation
Representative, Office of Governor Pat McCrory

Ringing of the Liberty Bell
FY 2015 Martin Luther King, Jr. Grant Recipients and
Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission

Please join us in a walk to First Baptist Church, Wilmington Street, for the State Employees Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Observance Program.

Significance of the Bell Ringing and the Observance the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In 1986, at the request of Coretta Scott King, the widow of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., our nation commemorates the birthday of Dr. King with a bell ringing ceremony to proclaim the fundamental importance of freedom in our lives.

Today, as we reflect on Dr. King’s philosophy of harmonious living, bells toll across our country to remind us of Dr. King’s commitment to justice and his vision to create stronger, more unified communities.

Inspired by Dr. King’s legacy, 30 years after the first observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday, the recipients of the Department of Administration’s Fiscal Year 2015 Martin Luther King, Jr. Grant Program are joined by the North Carolina Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission as they ring a replica of the Liberty Bell to emphasize freedom and the Content of Character message espoused by Dr. King:

“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.”

(Martin Luther King, Jr.)