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Purpose: Employee awareness of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

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Coretta Scott King has written and spoken widely about the meaning of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday which will be celebrated on January 19, 2004. She stated, “The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday celebrates the life and legacy of a man who brought hope and healing to America. We commemorate as well the timeless values he taught us through his example – the values of courage, truth, justice, compassion, dignity, humility and service that so radiantly defined Dr. King’s character and empowered his leadership. On this holiday, we commemorate the universal, unconditional love, forgiveness and nonviolence that empowered his revolutionary spirit.”

“Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is not only for celebration and remembrance, education and tribute, but above all a day of service,” said Coretta Scott King. Since 1994, thousands of people remembered Dr. King by serving in their communities by making the holiday “a day ON, not a day off.”

In preparing for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, James Dodson, West Virginia Black Emphasis Program Manager, has distributed an article to all WV NRCS employees entitled, “A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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