

LIBERTY BELL RINGING CEREMONY



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THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMISSION LIBERTY BELL RINGING CEREMONY

Mr. Clarence Henderson, Chairman
NC Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission,
Presiding

Welcome and Purpose of the Bell Ringing

Clarence Henderson, Chairman
State of NC Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission

Invocation

Commissioner Dr. Dumas Harshaw

Reflections

Bill Daughtridge, Jr., Secretary
NC Department of Administration

Emily E. Williams, Executive, Director
NC Human Relations Commission

Reading of Governor's Proclamation

Representative from the Office of Governor McCrory

Ringling of the Liberty Bell

FY 2014 Martin Luther King, Jr. Grant Recipients

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., the nation commemorated the birthday and philosophy of Dr. King with a bell ringing ceremony.

Today, in memory of Dr. King and his vision, bells toll across the country. In North Carolina, bells ring throughout the State to resonate Dr. King's vision that our everyday lives be carried out in faith and harmony. This bell ringing signifies personal conviction and community involvement. It is a moment of reflection and a future commitment for embracing the vision of Dr. King.

Inspired by Dr. King's legacy, on this day, the 28th anniversary of the Martin Luther King National Holiday, the FY 2014 recipients of the Department of Administration's Martin Luther King, Jr. grant program, ring a replica of the Liberty Bell to emphasize the Content of Character theme as described 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."

