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## **Celebrities and Elected Officials Celebrate the Birth of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Deerfield Beach**

*Broward County Mayor Kristin Jacobs joins Television Judge Greg Mathis and  
R&B Recording Artist "Dr. J" in Freedom March and Parade*

Broward County Mayor Kristin Jacobs will join Deerfield Beach city officials and celebrities in a day long celebration of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 17, 2005.

"Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is one of the great Americans of the Twentieth Century," says Jacobs. "The progress in civil rights that has been made over the last four decades in our nation can largely be attributed to Dr. King. He was a man of great insight, intelligence and above all compassion for mankind."

At 9:45 a.m., Mayor Jacobs and Deerfield Beach City Commissioner Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed will kick-off the celebration with a ribbon cutting ceremony at the corner of Hillsboro Boulevard and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (Southwest 3rd Avenue). Broward County and the City of Deerfield Beach participated jointly in making safety improvements to this intersection, with Broward County contributing \$123,000 towards the project's completion. The total project includes re-alignment of the intersection and installation of sidewalks and landscaping north and south of the intersection on 3rd Avenue.

Mayor Jacobs and Deerfield Beach city officials will then head over to Pioneer Park at 10:00 a.m. to participate in "The Dream Lives On," the City of Deerfield Beach's Freedom March and Parade. The parade begins at Pioneer Park, which is located at 425 N.E. 3rd Street, and will proceed along Hillsboro Boulevard to Westside Park (445 S.W. 2nd Street).

Deerfield Beach's ceremonial program is scheduled to follow the parade at 11:00 a.m. at Westside Park. Special guests, including television personality Judge Greg Mathis and R&B recording artist Dr. J, will be joining in the fun. Judge Mathis is the host of *The Judge Mathis Show* on the WB Network. He is also the founder of Young Adults Asserting Themselves (Y.A.A.T.) and the Judge Mathis Foundation, two non-profit organizations dedicated to promoting positive youth development.

Johnny "Dr. J." James has been a fixture of South Florida's music scene for more than 17 years. He is an arranger and producer, and a nationally respected musician known

for his diversity and style. Dr. J has released albums: 2002's *The Remedy*, and *The Cure*, released last fall.

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