‘Let Freedom Ring’ ceremony at 3 p.m. today at Ohio Statehouse

Rain location: Trinity Episcopal Church, downtown Columbus.

Columbus — Governor John R. Kasich and the Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, together with The King Center in Atlanta and the 50th Anniversary Coalition, are calling on people and organizations throughout Ohio to pause to remember, reflect and act upon the dream that Dr. King shared with the world 50 years ago when the March on Washington culminated with Dr. King’s historic “I Have a Dream” speech on Aug. 28, 1963.

Kasich has declared Aug. 28 as Let Freedom Ring Day. To read the resolution, click here.

Ohio events include the “Let Freedom Ring” Bell-Ringing Commemoration being held at 3 p.m. today on the west plaza of the Ohio Statehouse. Please plan to arrive by 2:45 p.m. because area churches will begin ringing their bells at 3 p.m. In case of rain, the event will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, located at the corner of Third and Broad Streets, downtown Columbus.

Speakers include the Rev. Joel L. King, Jr., a first cousin to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and David Jehnsen, a leader of a Chicago delegation that attended the 1963 march.

Jehnsen, a Galena resident, and the Rev. King, a Gahanna resident, are members of the Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, the sponsor of the event.

The commission is housed in the Equal Opportunity Division of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS).

For more information about the Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, visit http://das.ohio.gov/eod/mlk or contact Bobbi Bell of the DAS Equal Opportunity Division at 614.466.8380 or Bobbi.Bell@das.ohio.gov.

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