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Public invited to 16th Annual “King Fest” Celebration

Event to recognize 88th birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On **Monday, January 16**, Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs will help mark the national holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by leading the 16th Annual “**King Fest**” in recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s 88th birthday at the **Wisconsin Black Historical Society**, 2620 W. Center St.

The celebration will start at 12 p.m. and will feature activities until close at 6 p.m.

The event’s keynote speaker will be **Attorney Rose Sanders**, activist, historian, playwright and Alabama’s first Black judge. Alderwoman Coggs will also be a featured speaker during the event, which is **free and open to the public**.

“King Fest offers a great opportunity for engagement and reflection, a welcoming community event that celebrates the life and work of Dr. King while also bringing people together in a positive spirit of unity, justice, peace, and love,” Alderwoman Coggs said.

Event special features:

- From: 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. – Vendors and video (*Reflection 54 Years Later*).
- From 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. – Drumming, spoken word, songs, Praise Dancers, and local/national keynote speakers.

The annual King Celebration was created by **Janette Herrera**, the late **Mileka Ajuwani** and **Elizabeth Smith**. The event’s sponsors are **Dr. Patricia McManus**, President/CEO of Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin, **City Treasurer Spencer Coggs**, **Congresswoman Gwen Moore**, **Rahim Islam**, President/CEO at Universal Companies, and **Northwest Funeral Home**.

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