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## ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL MARCH SLATED TO TAKE PLACE AT EIU

CHARLESTON – Community residents are once again invited to join the students and staff of Eastern Illinois University as they commemorate the life and accomplishments of Martin Luther King Jr.

As is customary, the event will begin with a march across a portion of Eastern's campus. This year's walk, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, will originate from Thomas Hall, 2120 Seventh St., and end at the University Ballroom, located in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

A short program honoring the memory of King will begin at 7, and will include words from John Coffey, EIU staff member, presenting a retrospective of the Civil Rights Movement; a short video detailing King's life; a poetry reading; and music via a local gospel choir.

Tony Muse, coordinator of this year's march, invites all interested persons to come out for a night "full of culture, unity and celebration of the dream." Those wishing to attend the program only are welcome to do so.

The event is being sponsored by Eastern's chapter of the national fraternal organization, Alpha Phi Alpha, of which King was a member.

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