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For Immediate Release:

CELEBRATION TO FEATURE EIU UNITY FELLOWSHIP GOSPEL CHOIR, OTHERS

CHARLESTON -- In further commemoration of Eastern Illinois University's 1999 African-American Heritage Celebration, the public is invited to attend a "Zawadi Celebration," scheduled from 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Grand Ballroom.

Zawadi, meaning "gifts to encourage creativity, achievement, self-reliance and success," is one of the seven principles of Kwanzaa, one of the fastest growing holidays in the country among more than 10 million African-Americans. Saturday's celebration will feature a cultural expo and gospel concert, showcasing African-American exhibitors and vendors and gospel musical entertainment. Scheduled performers include the EIU Unity Fellowship Gospel Choir and special guest choirs from throughout the Charleston and surrounding areas.

Admission is \$1 for EIU students with a student ID and \$2 for the general public.