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Dwain Midget named Grand Marshal of Tulsa's 2023 MLK Parade

TULSA, Jan. 12, 2023 – Dwain E. "Flip" Midget, the former Director of the Working in Neighborhoods Department, and long-time City of Tulsa public servant, has been posthumously named the Grand Marshal of the 44th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Parade. A passionate community servant who loved North Tulsa, Mr. Midget embodies this year's parade theme: *"We Are Stronger When Working Together."*

"We can think of no one more eminently qualified to be this year's Grand Marshal given all that he did for the Tulsa community," said Pleas Thompson, President of the MLK Commemorative Society. "He truly embodies our parade theme, and we are honored to recognize him as our Grand Marshal."

The parade takes place Monday, January 16, at 11 a.m., beginning at the corner of N. Detroit Ave. and John Hope Franklin Blvd and meanders through historic Greenwood Avenue to Archer, ending near ONEOK Field. Thousands of people are expected to attend the parade featuring more than 180 themed floats, marching bands, dancers and corporate sponsors.

Dwain worked at the state and national level, spending most of his career at the City of Tulsa where he served under eight mayoral administrations. He worked tirelessly to find common ground around challenging issues. His accomplishments include assisting with Tulsa's transition to a Mayor/City Council form of government, advocating for neighborhood revitalization and development of underserved areas. Dwain was passionate about home ownership and created initiatives to focus on neighborhoods that provided affordable housing.

He was a 1972 graduate of historic Booker T. Washington High School. He completed his undergraduate studies in Political Science at the University of Memphis and received his master's degree from the University of Nigeria. In 2003, he accomplished a lifelong goal when he received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Tulsa College of Law.

About the MLK Jr. Commemoration Society

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Society, Inc. is a Tulsa, Oklahoma-based 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization focused on honoring and preserving the works and ideals that Dr. King

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practiced. Tax-deductible donations to the MLK Scholarship Fund or the Celebration may be made without participating in the parade. Any amount is sincerely appreciated. Checks should be made out to “MLK Commemoration Society” and mailed to: P.O. Box 14025; Tulsa, OK 74159-1025.

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