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Jessie Jackson
Rainbow Coalition
110 Vermont Ave.
Washington, D.C., NW 20005

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I write to invite you to participate in our 113th Emancipation Celebration, July 26, 27, 28th. We hope that you will be able to attend at least one of those days. We would prefer Saturday, July 27 if you can make it.

Nicodemus is the only all black town in Kansas, and one of the only two all black towns west of the Mississippi River. It was designated by the National Parks Service as a National Historic Landmark in 1976. We are currently appealing to our Kansas legislature to introduce a bill that will nominate Nicodemus to the National Historic Sites roster. If this happens government funds will be allocated to help rebuild and preserve one of our most precious and historically significant Afro American landmarks west of the Mississippi.

During our Emancipation Celebration we are hoping that you can give a speech on the significance and importance of reconnecting with our roots and the Afro American pioneers place in the history of this great United States.

We are a non-profit organization and we have only operational funds. We hope that you can provide us with your presence at this most historic event, with no charge. We know that may be asking a lot, however, Nicodemus is a living testimony to great pioneer past and your presence would be most honorable.

Kansas University will be on the townsite filming a documentary and we would love to have you in it. The documentary is already scheduled to be shown on PBS stations across the nation next fall.

Please let us know if you can attend our event.

Sincerely,

Angela Bates

Angela Bates,
President