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Angela Oh
President's Initiative on Race
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Dear Ms. Oh:

On behalf of the **National Park Service, residents of Nicodemus, Kansas, the 1998 - 120th Emancipation Celebration Committee, and The Nicodemus Historical Society** we request your presence on **August 1, 1998, 1:00 PM** for the **official dedication of Nicodemus as a National Site.**

On November 12, 1996 President Clinton signed into law **Nicodemus National Historic Site** - the **ONLY REMAINING ALL AFRICAN AMERICAN TOWN** west of the Mississippi. It is an 'OLD WEST' town and is the only National Park/Site that **exemplifies the African American experience in the West.**

The dedication of Nicodemus National Site is a long sought after achievement that all Americans and the world can look to as a monument of African American self determination, autonomy and community continuity in spite of all the social, political, economic, physical and environmental obstacles.

Please let us know if your troop can attend.

Sincerely,

Angela Bates-Tompkins
President

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An all African American Pioneer Town