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HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HONORS POCATELLO RESIDENT
Presentation to be Made January 16, 2012

On January 16, 2012, Pocatello area residents will gather in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - Idaho Human Rights Day. The City of Pocatello's Human Relations Advisory Committee will honor one of Pocatello's own civil rights advocates at the annual Martin Luther King Junior march to be held at Idaho State University. The march will commence at 1:30 p.m. at the north side of the Holt Arena/Minidome. The program will follow the march at approximately 2:00 p.m. at the Bengal Theater in the Pond Student Union Building on the Idaho State University campus.

Long time resident and minority advocate, Idaho Senator Edgar J. Malepeai promotes diversity through community service. Nominated by the local NAACP branch, Michael Pettaway writes, "the senator has represented the Pocatello community on many national and state boards and has represented the principles of compassion, understanding, and inclusiveness, for all Pocatello citizens and his actions align well with the Pocatello Human Relations Committee goal in recognizing community citizens who promote the philosophy of Human and Civil Rights for All."

The Human Relations Committee advises the Mayor and City Council as to actions the Council might take to remedy human relations and civil rights concerns in the city. It also serves as a forum in which citizens or groups of citizens may informally present grievances, concerns, and proposals. The committee investigates the quality of equal rights, privileges, and opportunities for all residents of Pocatello and develops programs to educate the public about current human relations and civil rights concerns in the city. Membership is open to anyone living in the Greater Pocatello area.

To report a grievance or concern or to schedule a proposal presentation, citizens should call 239-6985 or e-mail hrac.pocatello@gmail.com.

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