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**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS CENTER & MUSEUM
ANNOUNCES EXTENDED HOURS FOR SUMMER SEASON**

May programming includes global celebration of African Liberation Month

GREENSBORO, N.C., (April 28, 2010) – The International Civil Rights Center & Museum announced today extended hours of operation for the summer season. Effective May 1, and continuing through September 30, the Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday – Thursday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday - Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. The Museum is closed on Mondays.

The Museum offers daily tours, as well as a variety of programs and activities for all ages. During May, the Museum will host several activities and events for African Liberation month:

First Friday – May 7, 2010, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Celebrate African Liberation month with the Wesley Williams Urban Dance Theatre. The performance will include exuberant drumming, singing and dancing drawn from the cultural traditions of the West African nations of Senegal, Guinea, and the Gambia.

Lumumba: Death of Prophet (documentary film) – Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Trace the rise and fall of Patrice Lumumba — a legendary figure in modern African history known for fighting colonial and neocolonial forces. His legacy endures as a staunch symbol of self-determination.

Human Rights in Africa and America (panel discussion) – May 29, 2010, 3 p.m.

Africans living in the Triad offer personal reflections on an array of human rights issues in a panel discussion. Through their life stories, they will reveal the social, economic and political dynamics that propelled their relocation from African countries to the United States. Equally significant, they will disclose legal difficulties and social biases encountered in their adoptive land that continually define them as “outsiders” because of apparent racial, cultural and linguistic differences.

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Saturday Children's Storytelling and Reading Hour – Saturdays, 11 a.m. in SIMI's Room

Dynamic leaders in the Greensboro community participate in children's storytelling and reading hour. Among the literary titles featured during May is Elinor Batezat Sisulu's book, *The Day Gogo Went to Vote*. The story is about a 100-year-old woman who, accompanied by her great-grand daughter, ventures to the polls the first time blacks in South Africa gained their right to vote. Mr. Aubrey Powell, a South African native, will share this captivating story on May 22, 2010.

The Museum offers daily guided tours of its permanent exhibition, "The Battlegrounds," as well as self-guided tours of the Museum's changing gallery. There Museum visitors can observe the people, places and moments in "The Civil Rights Movement through the Lens of Pulitzer Prize Winning Photographer Matthew Lewis," a retired *Washington Post* photojournalist.

Visit www.sitinmovement.org for a complete list of programming and special events.

Admission to the Museum—\$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children—includes access to all exhibitions, programs, and activities. For access to programs and activities only, fees are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Admission is free for children five and under who are accompanied by an adult. For tickets and additional information, please contact the Museum at (336) 274-9199 or visit www.sitinmovement.org.

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