

January 2009 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday and Changes in Government



Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday January 19, 2009

The 2009 King Holiday Observance will mark the 80th birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the 40th Annual King Center Program and the twenty-third anniversary of the National Holiday in Dr. King's honor. It is celebrated in some form in more than 100 countries around the world.

THEME: Remember! Celebrate! Act!
A Day On, Not A Day Off

The theme reiterates the importance of remembering Dr. King's work and legacy, celebrating his birthday as a national holiday and acting on his teachings and principles of nonviolence and human rights. It also serves as a reminder that the holiday is a day on for community service initiatives and programs promoting interracial cooperation, not just a day off from work or school.

Source: The King Center—www.thekingcenter.org



Presidential Inauguration January 20, 2009 Theme: Renewing America's Promise U.S. President –elect Barack Obama, the 44th President

Barack Obama Timeline

1961 – Born in Honolulu, Hawaii on August 4.

1991 - Graduates from Harvard with a Juris Doctor magna cum laude. Begins to write an autobiography titled, *Dreams from My Father*.

1996 - Runs for the Illinois State Senate. He wins the Democratic nomination for the seat, and is elected to the Illinois State Senate.

2004 - November 2, 2004 - Elected to the U.S. Senate. The outcome of the election is unprecedented. He receives 70% of the vote, while Republican Alan Keyes receives only 27%. He becomes the nation's fifth African-American Senator.

2007 - February 10, 2007 - Announces his candidacy for President of the United States in the 2008 U.S. Presidential Election.

2008 - November 5, 2008 - Wins the U.S. Presidential Election to become the first African-American President of the United States.

Source: www.barack-obama-timeline.com/



National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration Dr. Jane Lubchenco, NOAA Administrator Appointee

*Wayne and Gladys Valley Professor of Marine Biology
Distinguished Professor of Zoology, Oregon State University*

Dr. Lubchenco is an environmental scientist and marine ecologist who is actively engaged in teaching, research, synthesis and communication of scientific knowledge. She grew up in Colorado, received her PhD. and taught at Harvard University, then 28 years ago moved to Oregon State University where she is Valley Professor of Marine Biology and Distinguished Professor of Zoology.

Source: <http://lucile.science.oregonstate.edu/lubchenco/>

When confirmed by the Senate, Dr. Lubchenco will become the first woman to hold the NOAA Administrator position.

