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## *Jersey City to Celebrate the Annual African-American Festival as part of the City's 'Tapestry of Nations' Ethnic Festival Series*

**JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council, the Division of Cultural Affairs and the African-American Festival Committee proudly announce that the annual African-American Festival, being held as part of the City's 'Tapestry of Nations' Ethnic Festival series, will take place from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 2012 at the Martin Luther King (MLK) Hub, at 360 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive.**

“This event is sure to be a huge success and one that showcases the best of the African-American culture and heritage,” said **Mayor Healy**. “Hosting events such as this commemorates the many achievements of African-Americans in our city and our nation.”

The theme this year, “Reuniting our Community” will ring true throughout the festival as communities gather at the MLK Hub to celebrate the African-American culture. It will allow people to enjoy traditional activities and the ever popular feast of local cuisine. This festival is free and open to the public.

This year, the **African-American Festival Committee** recognizes Senator Sandra Bolden Cunningham, Assemblyman Charles Mainor, Hudson County Freeholder Jeffrey Dublin, Councilwoman-at-large Viola Richardson, Ward F Councilwoman Michele Massey, Hudson County Register Pamela Gardner, Journal Chairperson Annette Joyner, Treasurer Pastor Joyce Watterman, David Asige, Phyllis Gordon, Virginia K. Miller, Rose Moultrie, Cheryl DB Murphy, Urban League of Hudson County, Verna Sims, Ryan Strothers, Virga Webb, and Jackson-Hill Main Street whose accomplishments have been an important asset to Jersey City.

On **Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Mayor Healy** and members of the Municipal Council will join the African-American community to raise the African-American flag over City Hall in honor of their presence in Jersey City.

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