2027 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation of Lake Wales Inc.

Commemorative Parade Participation Guidelines & Application

The Dr. MLK Jr. Commemorative Committee has established the official parade route and participation guidelines for the 2027 celebration. All participants **must adhere** to these rules to ensure a safe, respectful, and organized event. Failure to comply may result in immediate removal from the parade.

Parade Participation Guidelines

- Participants may walk or ride in decorated vehicles, floats, boats, or other approved modes of transportation.
- Horse riders will be placed at the end of the parade and must provide proper sanitation equipment.
- Dance groups are encouraged to participate and must ensure all music is **free of vulgar or explicit language**.
- Performances must **not delay or disrupt** the parade flow—**no gaps** in the processional will be permitted.
- Ensure to include 2027 MLK mission/theme decorations, pictures, etc.
- All participants **must display the official MLK Participant Decal**, which will be distributed on parade day by MLK Weekend Director, Edwina Mackroy-Snell.

Parade Assembly Details

- **Location: Participants will enter at HIGHWAY 17 (Alternate 27) and Orange Avenue.**
- **Date & Time:** Monday, January 18, 2027
    - Assembly begins at **2:15 PM**
    - Parade starts promptly at **3:00 PM**
    - Line-up is **first come, first served** (except for law enforcement and emergency services). Early arrival is strongly encouraged.

Registration Fee

- **$50 per registration**
  Examples:
  - Up to 8 motorcycles = 1 registration
  - Car/Truck Club (up to 4 vehicles) = 1 registration
  - 1 vehicle = 1 registration
  - Truck/trailer combo = 1 registration
  - 1 vehicle with 1 dance group = 1 registration

Application Submission

Deadline: Friday, January 17, 2027 at 2:00PM (No Exceptions)

Submit your completed application and fee:

- **By Mail: PO Box 3972, Lake Wales, Florida 33859**
- **In Person: 24 West Orange Avenue, Lake Wales, Florida 33853 (Use Drop box at front door).**
- **Payment Instructions:**
  - All checks must be made payable to: **MLK Foundation of Lake Wales Inc.**
  - **Cash payments** accepted in person at: **24 West Orange Avenue, Lake Wales, Florida 33853.**
  - **Online Payments: Visit- lakewalesmlk.org**

Refund Policy

No refunds will be issued:

- Due to inclement weather (e.g., heavy rain or thunderstorms)
- Due to late arrivals—**all participants must be in line by 2:15 PM**. Late arrivals will not be permitted to join the parade.

All fees support the **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation of Lake Wales Inc.**

Contact Information

For questions or assistance, please contact:

- **Edwina Mackroy-Snell, MLK Weekend Director: (863) 212-5082**
- **Shakila Williams, MLK Parade Co-Chair: (863) 662-2962**
- **Email: LWMLKParade@gmail.com**

Parade Participant Agreement

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have read and understand the parade participant guidelines provided. I agree to follow all instructions and requirements to ensure a respectful and productive parade experience.

Group Name _____

Entry Type: _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number ( ) _____

Email Address _____

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

Office Use ONLY.

Amount Paid $ _____

Method of Payment:

_____Cash _____Check (Ck# _____) _____Money Order (Ck# _____)

_____ Online

Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement-PARADE

Organization Information

- **Name of Organization:** _____
- **Contact Person:** _____
- **Mailing Address:** _____
- **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP Code:** _____
- **Primary Contact Number:** _____
- **Secondary Contact Number:** _____
- **Fax Number:** _____
- **Email Address:** _____
- **Number of Participants:** _____
- **Will your group include music?** Yes ☐ No ☐
- **Number of Axles (if applicable):** _____

Note: Per Florida Statute 316.530, each operator of a towing vehicle is responsible for ensuring trailers are properly secured and equipped with safety chains.

Agreement Terms

In exchange for the opportunity to participate in the **2027 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade** ("The Parade"), scheduled for **January 18, 2027**, the undersigned, a duly authorized representative of **_____** ("The Organization"), agrees to the following conditions:

1. **Follow all instructions** provided by parade officials, marshals, and representatives of the City of Lake Wales.
2. **Comply with all laws** governing the safe operation of motor vehicles, including the prohibition of alcohol consumption and the use of mind-altering substances.
3. **Arrive at the designated assembly location no later than 2:15 PM** on January 19, 2027.

Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in immediate removal from the parade. The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation Commemorative Weekend Committee reserves the right to deny any application. Once approved, **no refunds will be issued for any reason**.

Indemnification Clause

The Organization agrees to **indemnify and hold harmless** the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation of Lake Wales Inc., the City of Lake Wales, and all affiliated entities, agents, employees, and volunteers from any claims, liabilities, or expenses arising from participation in the Parade by the Organization or its representatives.

This agreement shall be governed by the laws of the **State of Florida**.

Signature & Authorization

- **Authorized Representative Name (Print):** _____
- **Title:** _____
- **Signature:** _____
- **Date:** _____