



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Antoine M. Thompson

Senator Thompson Sponsors Day Of Service Blood Drive.

"Celebrating Dr. King's legacy by turning community concerns into citizen action."

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Buffalo, NY- New York State Senator Antoine M. Thompson (D-Parts of Erie & Niagara Counties) celebrates the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by sponsoring a Day of Service Blood Drive where he will be donating blood at 1:00 PM. The blood drive will be held on Friday, January 15, 2010 at the American Red Cross located at 786 Delaware Avenue in Buffalo from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

“I am proud to be a sponsor of this wonderful event,” stated Thompson. “There are many ways that the community can help; donate blood, recruit blood donors, advertise the event or donate food or prizes to be given away during the blood drive.”

In 1994, Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act, designating the King Holiday as a national day of volunteer service. Congress asked Americans of all backgrounds and ages to celebrate Dr. King’s legacy by turning community concerns into citizen action. In honor of this day, Senator Thompson and the American Red Cross will be hosting a series of blood drives during the week. The need for blood is constant and the blood supply must be regularly replenished. In this country alone, someone requires a blood transfusion every two seconds and since there is no substitute for human blood, a blood shortage is a very scary and serious situation.

**Who:** New York State Senator Antoine M. Thompson and the American Red Cross

**What:** Day of Service Blood Drive

**Where:** American Red Cross , 786 Delaware Avenue - Buffalo

**When:** Friday, January 15, 2010 @ 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM