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Human Rights and Social Justice Advocates Announce Launch of Human Rights Atlanta

Kick-off Event will be on Friday, October 10th, at 6 p.m., at the Georgia Hill Community Center

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Atlanta – Over 30 human rights and social justice organizations have come together to form the Human Rights Atlanta coalition (HuRA). The coalition is sponsoring activities designed to highlight the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). This initiative is centered around four components: **education, reflection, celebration and action.**

HuRA has put together a calendar of events that kicks off October 10th with an opening celebration and commemoration of the UDHR through December 10th, International Human Rights Day. The opening and closing events will be filled with fun activities and actions steps to help build the human rights movement.

“The city of Atlanta must begin to take strident steps forward in recognition of the importance and utility of the human rights framework,” said Drena Brown, Coordinator for the US Human Rights Network. HuRA has addressed the need for local implementation of such human rights conventions as CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Form of Discrimination Against Women). HuRA will also address human rights issues facing immigrant and refugees communities and the right to a quality education.

Be a part of this historic celebration! The opening event will be held at the Georgia Hill Community Center, 250 Georgia Ave., Atlanta, Georgia 30312 on Friday, October 10, 2008.

The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a reception that will include local artists from the 50 Artists movement and will be followed by a community panel discussion at 7:00 p.m., featuring Terence Courtney (Atlanta Jobs with Justice), Steven Watt (ACLU Human Rights Program) Dázon Diallo Dixon (SisterLove) To view the 60 day calendar of events, please visit:

www.humanrightsatlanta.org

“For more than 60 years, social justice organizations in Atlanta have worked together in the spirit of community. The Human Rights Atlanta Coalition is just a symbolic manifestation of that work. The 60 year celebration of the UDHR is a gesture that will solidify the commitment of

these groups to uphold, defend, and demand human rights for the city of Atlanta”, said Janvieve Williams, Executive Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Community Center.