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PRESS RELEASE

**DCFS Director David Sanders to be honored in Celebration of Black History Month on
Thursday, February 26th**

Dr. David Sanders, Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), will be the sole individual honored in celebration of Black History Month by the Los Angeles County African American Heritage Committee (AAHC). The county's second annual Black History Month ceremony will be held on **Thursday, February 26, 2004** at 10 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 500 West Temple Street in Downtown Los Angeles.

"Dr. Sanders' is a positive example of achievement for the people of Los Angeles County. He is being honored for his continuing dedication to improving the safety and care for the children and families served by DCFS," said Supervisor Don Knabe, Honorary Chair of this year's event.

Caine Turner, chairman of the AAHC, said, "Dr. Sanders is being recognized for his innovative efforts to improve the quality of life of foster children throughout the County. He has been bold in making proposals to revamp the foster care system."

Prior to coming to Los Angeles in March 2003, Dr. Sanders was the Senior Human Services Director of the Hennepin County Children, Family and Adult Services Department in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Rose Bell, a graduate of the DCFS Independent Living Program, will lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the program. Classical jazz flutist, Hubert Laws and the Kabasa West African Drum and Dance Ensemble will provide entertainment for the ceremony along with the Civic Center Choir and Sweet Harmony, and the Reverend Dr. Paul Brown will deliver the keynote speech. KNBC-TV Anchorman Furnell Chatman will preside as master of ceremonies.

Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite-Burke and Department of Human Resources, Director Michael J. Henry are the honorary co-chairs.

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