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Legacy Commons to Host 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Juneteeth Celebration This Thursday

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale’s Legacy Commons for Active Seniors, located at 930 East Avenue Q-9, will host its third annual Juneteeth Celebration entitled “A New Season in Life” on Thursday, June 16 from 1:30 to 3 pm.

The emcee will be Sherry Williams. Opening remarks will be made by Ruth Knight, followed by the opening prayer by Lemozine Riddick, the Pledge of Allegiance, the Negro National Anthem and a history of Juneteenth by Kathryn White. Also featured will be a recognition of the Red Hatters, Legacy Commons Line Dancers, the reading of poems by Stella Hogan and Bruce Robinson and the grand finale of “Reach Out and Touch.”

Refreshments will be served.

The program was put together by the Legacy Commons Black History Month Committee of Darlene Addison, Delois Cade, Dorothy Carter, Charlene Coney, Bill Gates, Denise Gregg, Vanessa Hall, Gail Harris, Deborah Herron, Stella Hogan, Brenda Johnson, Ruth Knight, Barbara Malone, Lemozine Riddick, Bruce Robertson, Bettyann Smith, Valerie Smith, Harry Ward, Kathryn White, Sherry Williams and Marilyn Young.

Juneteenth is a holiday that commemorates the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas in June 1865, and more generally the emancipation of African-American slaves throughout the Confederate South. Celebrated on June 19, the term is a combination of the words June and nineteenth, and is recognized as a state holiday or special day of observance in most states

For more information, please contact Jennifer Tallakson at 661/267-5904.

### ***About Legacy Commons***

Legacy Commons provides adults age 55+ the opportunity to remain young-at-heart with a wide range of drop-in activities in a modern, contemporary center. Experience camaraderie, enhance your overall health, continue learning and foster self-reliance through our fitness and exercise classes, visual and performing arts programs, informational seminars and special interest groups. Adjacent Legacy Park features walking paths and picnic tables, bocce ball courts, horseshoe pits and a croquet lawn. Visitors are invited to pick up a detailed schedule of activities. No membership required.

Legacy Commons is located at 930 East Avenue Q-9, and is open Monday through Thursday, from 8 am to 4:30 pm and Friday's from 8 am to 12 noon. For more information call Legacy Commons at 661/267-5904

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