

March 22, 2005

The Honorable Condoleezza Rice
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Madam Secretary:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am pleased to invite you to deliver the keynote address at our fifth annual Diversity Day Celebration on August 18, 2005. The event will be held at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. The theme is "*Diversity in Heritage.*"

The program begins with an opening ceremony in the NRC auditorium that would feature your keynote address. Although we have allotted approximately 30 minutes for the keynote address, this can easily be adjusted to accommodate your preferences and schedule. The opening ceremony will also be broadcast via video teleconferencing to our four regional offices. After the conclusion of the opening ceremony, the celebration will continue outdoors with an array of cultural performers, professional organizations, arts and craft vendors, and ethnic foods.

I hope that you will be able to join me, my fellow Commissioners, and the agency's staff as we celebrate diversity in heritage. If you have any questions, please contact me (301-415-1759) or have your staff contact Corethis Kelley, Director, Office of Small Business and Civil Rights, at 301-415-7380.

Sincerely,

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Nils J. Diaz