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### **National Medical Association President Expresses Condolences to the Family of Rosa Parks**

Washington, DC, October 25, 2005... Sandra L. Gadson, MD, President of the National Medical Association expresses condolences to the family of Ms. Rosa Parks who was a symbol and a giant in America's Civil Rights movement.

Ms. Park's life exemplified "an individual expression of a timeless longing for human dignity and freedom." Her courageous act in 1955 of refusing to give up her bus seat to a white man on a Montgomery City bus set the stage to challenge America's segregated system of injustice. In her autobiography, "My Story," she said, "The more we gave in and complied, the worst they treated us." Today, the struggle for justice continues. Ms. Parks left an indelible impact on us as individuals as well as a nation.

In tribute to Ms. Parks life long efforts to help young people pursue educational opportunities, get them registered to vote and work toward racial peace, I am calling on all American's, particularly our youth to register and vote in the November elections in your state and local elections. Let's not allow Ms. Parks' sacrifice and life -long commitment to have been in vain.

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