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**2015 Historic Idlewild Music Fest
Honoring the Past, Standing in the Present, Looking towards the Future**

MICHIGAN - June 10, 2015 – The Idlewild Music Fest (IMF) will host three days of entertainment, education and empowerment sessions beginning July 10 through July 12, 2015. The weekend of events, for the entire family, is sponsored in part by BetterMade Snack Foods, Tim Horton's (Warren, MI), Lake County Community Foundation, Lake County MerryMakers and T. ROSE Foundation.

About Idlewild, Michigan and Idlewild Music Fest

The IMF is held to commemorate and celebrate the history of well-known African-American entertainers and professionals who owned property and performed at the Historic Resort prior to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Known as the "Black Eden", this location was one of the few resorts in the United States where African-Americans could vacation and purchase property. The National Resource Team applauds the Idlewild community for holding on to the land; approximately 3,000 acres. It is historically, the largest land based African American resort ever assembled in the USA. Idlewild is a rare and valuable national resource with physical and cultural significance. The IMF will continue to carry the legacy forward of the historic landmark as stated in the slogan: "Honoring the Past, Standing in the Present, and Looking towards the Future".

About Idlewild Music Fest

Friday, July 10 at 5pm live entertainment begins with acts such as Althea Rene (flutist), Dee Lucas (saxophonist), Urban Jazz Coalition band and the Paul B Smith band, bringing forth an array of music from jazz to soul to blues. Saturday, July 11, Praisercize workout sessions will start the day at 7am. For lunch, IMF will host various empowerment sessions: (1) Women's Empowerment Luncheon with keynote speakers: A'Lelia Bundles, Chair, National Archives, Washington DC and Mary Trucks, CEO/Founder of FiveCap, Inc. (2) Boys-to-Men rap session for young men through adult aged males, with guest host Philly Weeden, Cleveland, Ohio mentoring coach and affiliate of the Steve Harvey Mentoring Camp, and (3) Positive Self-imagining for girls. The day carries forward with the T. ROSE Foundation along with Shelley Morley of Traverse City, owner of Sip and Dab, hosting a painting session. Attendees will self-paint a take-home memorial portrait of Idlewild's history. Live entertainment continues at 2pm with various internationally-known artists singing and playing jazz, soul and blues. The headline artist for the evening is Angela Winbush, R&B/Soul singer-songwriter, who has sold over ten million albums and singles worldwide. Ms. Winbush is also a Stage II Ovarian Cancer Survivor. The final day of the IMF weekend will close with Morning Church service, a free shoe distribution for the youth and a gospel celebration with various artists.

For more information, complete artist line up, vendor, sponsor and volunteer forms, along with detailed event activities are available online: www.idlewildmusicfest.org. Tickets are available at: www.brownpapertickets.com.

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