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INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY EVENTS SLATED FOR UM MISSOULA--

A variety of events are scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 10, on The University of Montana campus to commemorate International Human Rights Day -- a day to remember all those who have suffered human rights abuses and to become active in the fight for protection of human rights.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., an information desk at the University Center will offer material about Amnesty International, International Human Rights Day and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

At noon, a silent candle lighting in the UC north atrium will honor those who have been harmed.

From 5 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., there will be a free showing of the movie, "Closet Land," at the Crystal Theater. This film, sponsored by Amnesty International, is an artistic dramatization of the mental and physical abuse many people undergo at the hands of their kidnappers.

At 7 p.m., a Peace Potluck dinner will be held at University Congregational Church, 405 University Ave. Speakers will start talking about human rights issues at 7:30 p.m., and a candlelight vigil outside the church will follow.

Events are sponsored by Amnesty International, Working for Equality and Economic Liberation (WEEL), Friends of Ellacuria and other human rights organizations.

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