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**NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE PRESIDENT MARC H. MORIAL CONDEMNS
RACIST, IMMORAL COMMENTS BY FORMER
SECRETARY OF EDUCATION WILLIAM BENNETT**

New York, N.Y. (September 28, 2005) -- Today, National Urban League President and CEO, Marc H. Morial issued the following statement regarding the racist remarks made by former Reagan Secretary of Education, William Bennett on a radio call in show. "...You could abort every black baby in this country and your crime rate would go down. That would be an impossible, ridiculous, and morally reprehensible thing to do, but your crime rate would go down." said Bennett

"William Bennett's comments smack of such blatant racism and ill regard for all African Americans that it is incomprehensible in this day and age. His comments are revealing and should put into question his value as a social commentator that is afforded media attention. Mr. Bennett should immediately apologize to the every American citizen and repudiate the racism and classism reflected in his remarks." said Marc H. Morial, President and CEO of the National Urban League.

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National Urban League (www.nul.org) Established in 1910, The Urban League is the nation's oldest and largest community-based movement devoted to empowering African Americans to enter the economic and social mainstream. Today, the National Urban League, headquartered in New York City, spearheads the non-partisan efforts of its local affiliates. There are over 100 local affiliates of the National Urban League located in 35 states and the District of Columbia providing direct services to more than 2 million people nationwide through programs, advocacy and research.