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**ZIGGY MARLEY'S LOVE IS MY RELIGION WINS GRAMMY® AWARD**

***Marley Captures Best Reggae Album At The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Grammy® Awards***

**February 21, 2007, Toronto, ON** - Grammy-winning singer/songwriter **Ziggy Marley**, won the award for **Best Reggae Album** at the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual GRAMMY Awards on Sunday, February 11, for his second solo studio album ***Love Is My Religion***, distributed in Canada through Tuff Gong Worldwide/Fontana North. This marks Marley's first win as a solo artist and his fourth total in the Best Reggae category. Marley has three previous wins with Ziggy Marley & The Melody Makers.

"I'm honored and appreciative that this very personal album was acknowledged by the Recording Academy," said Marley after receiving the award.

***Love Is My Religion*** expands upon the personal, social and political themes explored in Ziggy's debut CD, *Dragonfly*, peppering a reggae core with African percussion and other flavours. Ziggy serves as the album's songwriter, multi-instrumentalist and producer. The album was independently in Canada on August 29, 2006, and is currently being sold exclusively through Target in the U.S. "One of my father's goals was to release an album independently. His plan was to do that after the release of his final album on a major label. Unfortunately, he never had the chance," shared Ziggy. "This album and the way it is being sold is important to me in honouring my father's spirit."

Ziggy Marley's early immersion in music came at age ten when he sat in on recording sessions with his father. He later joined his siblings to front The Melody Makers, whose eight best-selling albums generated such chart-topping hits as "Tomorrow People" and "Tumbling Down".

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