

Summer of Civil Rights celebrates 50 years of the Civil Rights Act

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Fifty years after the President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964, organizers are planning series of events in the Twin Cities that recognize the significance of the legislation that ended Jim Crow laws.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 is a vital piece of legislation within United States. For forty-nine years, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 has protected citizens from being discriminated against based upon race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. July 2, 2014, marks the 50th anniversary of the passing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Organizers are calling this summer the Summer of Civil Rights: Celebrate the Milestones, Living the Legacy, Strive for the Future.

"This summer, we are focusing on celebrating the milestone of the Civil Rights Act, recognizing how far we have come in the struggle for civil rights and inspiring the next generation to carry the torch to realize Dr. Martin Luther King's Dream," said Toni Newborn, Summer of Civil Rights planning committee chair.

The Summer of Civil Rights events will kick off on June 24th on the Capitol grounds in St. Paul starting at 5 p.m. The event will honor the past civil rights leaders and activists in Minnesota who have laid the foundation for the civil rights movement in Minnesota.

This event is open to the public.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

We invite you to celebrate Minnesota's Summer of Civil Rights commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

50th Anniversary Opening Ceremony

Minnesota State Capitol

June 24

Pride Festival

June 27 - 29

Ramadan Iftar Dinners

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Metro and Outstate MN
July 2 - 24

CAIR-MN Ramadan Dinners

U of M Coffman Memorial Union
July 12 - 7 PM
Red Tail Squadron – Rise Above
July 14 – 17

Key Reflections on the Civil Rights

Act from Minnesota Judges
William Mitchell College of Law
July 23 – 5 PM

50th Anniversary Closing Ceremony

July 31

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