

A RESOLUTION celebrating the 51st anniversary of the civil rights movement and commemorative March on Frankfort.

WHEREAS, on March 5, 1964, 10,000 people from southern states, led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., marched on Frankfort, Kentucky and, on the steps of the Capitol, demanded legislation that would end segregation by making discrimination illegal; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed Public Law 88-352, the Civil Rights Act, prohibiting discrimination of all kinds based on race, color, religion, gender, or national origin; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 1966, Governor Edward T. Breathitt signed into law the Kentucky Civil Rights Act, the first civil rights law of any southern state, prohibiting discrimination in employment, public accommodations, and housing based on race, color, religion, or national origin, that was hailed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as "the strongest and most comprehensive civil rights bill passed by a southern state"; and

WHEREAS, this year we celebrate the 51st anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the most sweeping civil rights legislation since Reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, Kentuckians support equal opportunity, equal treatment, and justice in this Commonwealth, and are proud that this southern state leads the way for civil and human rights;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives stands united in celebration of the 51st anniversary of the civil rights movement and the enactment of the Civil Rights Act.

➔Section 2. The House of Representatives encourages all Kentuckians to celebrate the achievements this great Commonwealth has made in the area of civil rights, and to pause to recall the many sacrifices of the men and women who so bravely pushed for equality in Kentucky and in this nation.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, 332 West Broadway, 7th Floor, Louisville, Kentucky 40202; NAACP, Louisville Branch, P.O. Box 161173, Louisville, Kentucky 40256; Rep. Reginald Meeks; Rep. George Brown, Jr.; Rep. Jim Glenn; Rep. Derrick Graham; Rep. Darryl T. Owens; Rep. Arnold Simpson; Sen. Gerald A. Neal; and Sen. Reginald Thomas.