

Proclamation

50th Anniversary Civil Rights Act of 1964

July 2, 2014

- WHEREAS:** *The Declaration of Independence lays the foundation for equality in stating “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal”; and*
- WHEREAS:** *July 2, 1964 President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and*
- WHEREAS:** *this landmark legislation outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin and ushered in a new era in which individuals could seek redress for Civil Rights violations; and*
- WHEREAS:** *the City of Bloomington honors the efforts of individuals who have fought for civil rights locally and across our nation; and*
- WHEREAS:** *the City of Bloomington declared, May 26, 2013 as Dred and Harriet Scott Freedom Day to honor their contribution to ending the unspeakable evil of slavery and the passage of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments of the U.S. Constitution which address citizenship rights and equal protection; and*
- WHEREAS:** *June 21, 2014 marks the 50th anniversary of the murder of three civil rights individuals working on the Freedom Summer campaign and whose deaths assisted in the passing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and*
- WHEREAS:** *The Bloomington Human Rights Commission will honor the efforts of the Freedom Riders, including the Minnesota Seven, through a Freedom Rider exhibit, June 23 - July 6 and community event June 26, 2014; and*
- THEREFORE:** *Be it resolved that I, Gene Winstead, Mayor of the City of Bloomington, do hereby declare July 2, 2014 as the:*

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT DAY

in Bloomington and urge all citizens of Bloomington to join together to support this effort;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED *that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bloomington pledge to support the activities of the Bloomington Human Rights Commission during the year.*

Dated this 23rd day of June, 2014.

*Gene Winstead, Mayor
City of Bloomington, MN*