



DATE: June 23, 2014
TO: Mayor Gene Winstead
FROM: Lorinda Pearson, Human Services Manager 
RE: **Proclamation: 50th Anniversary Civil Rights Act of 1964**

July 2, 2014 marks the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Civil Rights Act by President Lyndon B. Johnson. This civil rights legislation prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, and national origin and ushered in a new era for individuals to seek redress for Civil Rights violations.

The attached 50th Anniversary - Civil Rights Act of 1964 Proclamation is for presentation at the Bloomington City Council meeting on June 23, 2014. The Proclamation also recognizes recent efforts in Bloomington to honor individuals who have fought for civil rights locally.

Commissioner Hanna Haileyesus will accept Proclamation on behalf of the Bloomington Human Rights Commission and will be accompanied by Commissioners Mary Rice and Nawang Singhe.

In celebration of this anniversary, the Human Rights Commission is hosting the Gilder Lehrman Freedom Rider exhibit on display now through July 6 in the Civic Plaza lobby. Councilmembers are encouraged to visit the display and attend the community event planned for June 26, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., Music through the Struggle: Reflections on the Civil Rights Movement featuring Bettie Mae Fikes.

Attachment