

KY Human Rights Executive Director John Johnson to participate in Hopkins County Martin Luther King Day Ceremony

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Madisonville, Ky., Dec. 18, 2015 – Kentucky Commission on Human Rights Executive Director John J. Johnson will participate in the Hopkins County Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration. The event will be held at 4 p.m. (Central Standard Time), Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016, at 750 Laffoon Street in Madisonville, Ky. The theme of the commemoration is, “Remembering the Past, Celebrating the Present, Empowering the Dream through Education.”

Dr. Kevin Cosby of Louisville, Ky., will be the keynote speaker. He is president of historic Simmons College of Kentucky and pastor of St. Stephens Church in Louisville.

There will also be guest speaker Betty Daniels Rosemond of Cincinnati, Ohio. She is considered a civil rights pioneer and was a Freedom Rider during the early 1960s in the south, riding buses at personal risk to challenge segregation.

The annual Hopkins County event is organized by Commissioner Timothy W. Thomas who resides in the area and represents the 1st Supreme Court District on the state human rights commission. He founded the event and has led its organization for over 25 years.

For more information, contact Commissioner Thomas at 270.836.2281.