

# Commission on Human Rights

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## **Kentucky Commission on Human Rights will meet in Frankfort on Tuesday to rule on discrimination complaints, 50-anniversary civil rights March on Frankfort is Wednesday**

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The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights Board of Commissioners will hold its regular meeting this week in the capital city of Frankfort to rule on discrimination complaints for the people of Kentucky. The following day will be the 50-anniversary civil rights March on Frankfort. The public is invited to both events.

The commission meeting will be held at 1 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Tuesday, March 4, at the Kentucky State Capitol Annex, which is located at 702 Capital Ave, in Frankfort, Ky., 40601. The commission will meet in Room 111. The meeting is open to the public.

The commission is meeting in Frankfort this month as part of its recognition of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary recognition of the 1964 (civil rights) March on Frankfort. On Wednesday, March 5, the Allied Organizations for Civil Rights will lead a commemorative march to the capitol in honor of the anniversary. The commission will participate, and Governor Steven Beshear is expected to speak. Commission Executive Director John J. Johnson will also make remarks. The public is invited to participate, and people are asked to gather at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, at the intersection of Capital Avenue and Second Street, to walk together to the capitol steps for an inspirational speaking rally to honor civil rights and encourage continued progress in areas affecting civil rights.

In the case of inclement weather, the event will be in the Frankfort Convention Center at 405 Mero Street, a few blocks away from the capitol.

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is the state government authority that enforces the Kentucky Civil Rights Act, and, through its affiliation with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, enforces federal civil rights laws.

The Kentucky Civil Rights Act makes it illegal to discriminate against people in the areas of employment, financial transactions, housing and public accommodations.

Discrimination is prohibited in these areas based on race, color, religion, national origin, gender, and disability. In employment, discrimination is further prohibited on the basis of age (40-years and over) and on the basis of tobacco-smoking status. In housing, discrimination is further prohibited based on familial status, which protects people with children in the household under the age of 18-years old, and it protects women who are pregnant. It is also a violation of the law to retaliate against a person for complaining of discrimination to the commission.

For more information, contact the commission at 1.800.292.5566. For details about civil rights and commission activities, visit the website at [www.kchr.ky.gov](http://www.kchr.ky.gov)

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