

Commission on Human Rights

KY Human Rights Commission will meet Tuesday in KY capitol to rule on discrimination cases and then induct Dr. Kevin Cosby into the Gallery of Great Black Kentuckians at Annual Black History Month event in Rotunda

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The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights proudly recognizes February as National and Kentucky Black History Month.

As part of its official recognition, the commission will hold its meeting to rule on discrimination complaints in the state capitol in Frankfort, Ky., at 9:30 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time) in Room 327.

Afterward, the commission will participate in the Kentucky Legislative Black Caucus Annual Black History Month Celebration at 11:30 a.m. in the Capitol Rotunda.

There, the commission will induct Dr. Kevin Cosby of Louisville, Ky., to its Gallery of Great Black Kentuckians. Dr. Cosby is president of Simmons College.

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is the state government authority that enforces the Kentucky Civil Rights Act (Kentucky Revised Statutes Chapter 344), 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 the aforementioned 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.

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