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D. Anthony Everett to serve as vice chair of KY Human Rights Board of Commissioners

LOUISVILLE – Kentucky Human Rights Commissioner D. Anthony Everett of Lexington, Ky., was elected last week by the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights Board of Commissioners to serve as vice chair of the commission board.

He is the president of Nia Urban Ministries Inc., a for purpose, non-profit faith-based organization in Lexington, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church in Lexington, and an adjunct lecturer of Religious Studies at Spalding University in Louisville, Ky.

After the commission elected him at its meeting on Thursday, March 16, Commissioner Everett said: "I am elated and grateful to serve the board of commissioners for the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights as the newly elected vice chair. The commission's mission to eradicate discrimination in the commonwealth through enforcement of the Kentucky Civil Rights Act is being realized by the fine work of our very capable executive director, John Johnson, and his excellent staff. I am honored to be part of a state government agency that works to safeguard people protected by a vital law that makes everyday life better for all Kentuckians.

"We are pleased that Commissioner Everett has been elected to serve as vice chair to a state human rights commission that works hard to help Kentucky act as a leader of civil and human rights," said Executive Director Johnson.

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 affiliations 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 unlawful to discriminate against people in the areas of employment, financial credit 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 reporting or alleging discrimination. For help with discrimination or to make a discrimination complaint, contact the commission at 1.800.292.5566. For information about the commission and civil rights, visit the website at www.kchr.ky.gov

