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## 'Discrimination Through the Eyes of Our Youth'

The Florida Commission on Human Relations invites high school students to create PSAs for a statewide competition

**Tallahassee** – As part of the Florida Commission on Human Relations' 40th anniversary celebration, the Commission is inviting Florida's high school students to create video public service announcements (PSAs) for the 'Discrimination Through the Eyes of Our Youth' PSA Contest. This contest allows students to explore discrimination issues of the past and of today while allowing them to refine their artistic abilities.

"The Commission strongly believes in giving young people a voice and an opportunity to help change the discourse in Florida in terms of discrimination and intolerance. These issues continue to eat away at the quality of our lives," said Derick Daniel, Executive Director of the Florida Commission on Human Relations. "Not only will this competition allow students to use their creative abilities, but the winning PSAs will be used to teach the public about the realities of discrimination in Florida."

The 'Discrimination Through the Eyes of Our Youth' PSA contest is open to all Florida students in grades 9-12. Complete contest information is available at <a href="http://fchr.state.fl.us/fchr/outreach/40th\_anniversary\_psa\_contest">http://fchr.state.fl.us/fchr/outreach/40th\_anniversary\_psa\_contest</a>. For more information, please contact Leah Barber-Heinz (<a href="leah.barber@fchr.myflorida.com">leah.barber@fchr.myflorida.com</a>) or Nakia Beasley (<a href="makia.beasley@fchr.myflorida.com">nakia.beasley@fchr.myflorida.com</a>).

The Commission has partnered with local media outlets that will publicly recognize the contest winners and their PSAs. For a listing of our media partners, please visit our website (listed above).

The Florida Commission on Human Relations, established in 1969, is the state agency charged with enforcing the Florida Civil Rights Act and Fair Housing Act. Fair treatment, equal access and mutual respect are the benchmarks of the Commission's commitment. Through education, outreach and partnerships, the Commission works to prevent discrimination through teaching best practices and fostering cultural understanding in communities statewide.

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