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## Florida Commission on Human Relations Commemorates Dr. Martin Luther King

The Commission pledges their continued commitment to the protection of civil rights for all people and reminds Floridians of the timeless lessons imparted to Americans by the great Dr. King.

"We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the courage and leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and to pledge our continued commitment to the protection of civil rights for all people. Dr. King brought hope to the people of this great nation; hope for change and goodness; hope for justice and freedom. Through his actions, we saw courage and dedication as he fought for what he knew was right and never wavered in his convictions, "said Derick Daniel, Executive Director of the Florida Commission on Human Relations.

"We thank him for paving the way and changing life in America as we once knew it. At the Commission, we work diligently every day to protect the civil rights and liberties of all of the people of Florida. Through partnerships and collaboration, we work to break down the walls of prejudice and misunderstanding that, sadly, still plague our communities. We will continue to honor Dr. King in encouraging people to value our differences and work toward mutual understanding and acceptance," Daniel said.