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The Florida Commission on Human Relations Denounces Hastings Cross-Burning Hate Crime

The Commission condemns this racially motivated, hateful act in which fear and intimidation was used to frighten an African-American family away from purchasing a home

“The Florida Commission on Human Relations is deeply concerned about the hate crimes currently taking place in this state. Florida ranks number two in the Nation in the number of hate groups being tracked – an estimated 50 groups have been identified, said Derick Daniel, Executive Director of the Florida Commission on Human Relations.

“We must band together and send the message that we will not tolerate hateful acts of violence,” Daniel said. “We commend the United States Department of Justice for prioritizing the eradication of these crimes and we will continue to raise awareness about these pressing issues while promoting tolerance and mutual respect.”