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**Media Advisory**

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# Florida Commission on Human Relations Works to Eliminate Unlawful Housing Discrimination

*The Commission will hold an educational summit to raise awareness on Fair Housing issues and predatory lending practices*

**Orlando** – In honor of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act, the Florida Commission on Human Relations is hosting a two-day Fair Housing and Predatory Lending Summit for the Orlando area. This free event is open to the public and will focus on the Hispanic community.

“In an intensive national study conducted in 2000, the Department of Housing and Urban Development found that 1 out of 4 Hispanics were discriminated against and denied housing,” said Regina Owens, Housing Manager at the Commission. “Florida currently leads the nation in mortgage fraud, which leads us to believe that these issues still plague our communities. The Fair Housing and Predatory Lending Summit will equip members of the housing industry and potential tenants with the information they need to prevent unjust discriminatory activity.”

**Who:** The Florida Commission on Human Relations (through a multi-year national grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development –HUD.)

**What:** Predatory Lending and Fair Housing Summit: an educational event that will cover a variety of topics including fair housing best practices, sub-prime vs. predatory lending and enforcement efforts. The conference will feature expert national and local presenters, including participation from the National Fair Housing Alliance and The Center for Responsible Lending.

**When:** **March 31 (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) and April 1 (9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)**

**Where:** Lexington at Orlando CityPlace  
304 West Colonial Drive  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
407-843-8700

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 foster cultural understanding in communities statewide.

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