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Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service



On January 18, the national Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Day of Service, SC Human Affairs Commission celebrated the 26th anniversary of the official commemoration of the civil-rights leader's life and legacy.

In 1994, Congress passed legislation that established MLK Day as the only Federal holiday designated as a National Day of Service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities — a “day on, not day off.”

Interfaith Awareness Month

Interfaith Partners of South Carolina held a virtual media conference to announce the Governor's Proclamation that January 2021 is S.C. Interfaith Harmony Month. It's the signature initiative of Interfaith Partners of South Carolina during which groups across the state will hold events (mostly virtual) to bring together people from different religious, spiritual, and secular backgrounds to celebrate differences and South Carolina's rich diversity.

For more information: <https://interfaithpartnersofsc.org/>



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Prevention Corner



The SC Human Affairs Commission's Technical Services and Training Division is excited to launch its inaugural edition of the monthly Prevention Corner, where you can find information on SC Discrimination Laws and

Discrimination Prevention.

Many people perceive affirmative action programs to be synonymous with quotas and preference programs for minorities and women. It is important to understand that in South Carolina State Government, affirmative action programs are used to eliminate preferences, not to create them. The plans and programs are used as benchmarks or indicators of how successful agencies are in achieving equal employment opportunity. Affirmative action monitoring is just one way to prevent discrimination.

For more information on the Status of Equal Employment Opportunity in SC State government, please visit <https://schac.sc.gov/about-us/divisions-departments/technical-services-and-training-department>.

PLEASE SEND US YOUR PICTURES!

CRCs are encouraged to share your events with Robert Snipes, SCHAC Community Relations Consultant via email at: rsnipes@schac.sc.gov.

- Annual Event Calendar for
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCILS
- January**
MLK/Interfaith Awareness
 - February**
African American History
 - March**
Women's History/End Racism Day
 - April**
Fair Housing
 - May**
Law Enforcement/Community Relations
 - June**
Disaster Preparedness/
Emanuel 9
Remembrance Day, Peace & Reconciliation
 - July**
Employment Discrimination/
Economic Opportunity
 - August**
Youth Project/Back to School
 - September**
Hispanic Heritage/
Cultural Diversity
 - October**
Disability Employment Awareness
 - November**
American Indian Heritage/
Veterans' Appreciation
 - December**
Aging & Poverty Issues