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OHIO CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION CELEBRATES 45th ANNIVERSARY AT ITS NEXT COMMISSION MEETING

Executive Director G. Michael Payton announced Friday that The Ohio Civil Rights Commission (OCRC) is celebrating its 45th anniversary on July 29, 2004. The agency will conduct its regularly scheduled **public meeting on Thursday, July 22, 2004** at the OCRC central offices located 1111 E. Broad Street Columbus, OH, in the Continental Room located on the ground floor at 9:30 am.

A reception honoring the 45th anniversary will be held at the Thursday, August 12, 2004 OCRC public meeting in an early morning reception. Invited guests include Governor Taft, the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus, the Ohio Supreme Court, the NAACP, and the Urban League.

“We are thinking about those who went before us, and made such tremendous strides to bring us to where we are today,” said Chairman Aaron Wheeler, Sr. regarding The Ohio Civil Rights Commission’s 45th anniversary. “We want our supporters and partners in the community to come together with us as we celebrate excellence and prepare for the future.”

The OCRC holds public meetings once every three to four weeks. The five appointed Commissioners hear arguments regarding discrimination complaints and vote on cases that have been submitted.

The July 22, 2004 meeting will begin promptly at 9:30 A.M. This event is free and open to the public.

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