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GOVERNOR REAPPOINTS AARON WHEELER, SR. TO CHAIR THE OHIO CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

Columbus, OH (August 1, 2005) – Governor Bob Taft announced Friday, July 29, 2005 the reappointment of Chairman Aaron Wheeler, Sr. to The Ohio Civil Rights Commission (OCRC). Aaron Wheeler, Sr., of Columbus, was reappointed to a term ending July 28, 2010. Pastor Wheeler has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

“Civil rights is changing with the shift in demographics nationwide,” said Chairman Wheeler. “We have the same issues as before, but each community has different needs. Therefore, we will remain vigilant in our efforts to frustrate predatory lending and insurance redlining, and more assertively enforce Ohio’s laws against discrimination, such as increasing accessibility for the disabled, and doing more in employment, housing and public accommodation.”

Chairman Wheeler was originally appointed to the OCRC in July 2000. During his term the agency made marked changes that included selecting a new executive director, G. Michael Payton, to develop the agency and implementing improvements to its investigative process. The agency also increased its educational initiatives with activities such as the Corporate Best Practices in Diversity forum with Wright State University, the What Next roundtable series with city leaders, and new immigrant and Limited English Proficient (LEP) community leadership trainings in fair housing and financial literacy.

The OCRC receives and investigates charges of discrimination in employment, housing, credit and higher education on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, country of national origin age, ancestry, disability and families with children. For more information visit www.crc.ohio.gov or call 1(888) 278-7101.

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