



Human Rights Commission Agenda

Thursday September 19, 2019 6:00 pm
Bangs Center Room 101

1) CALL TO ORDER

Opening Remarks, Announcements and Agenda Review/Additions Charity

2) Reports and Comments

Public Comment Charity
HR Commission Member Reports All

3) Action and Discussion Items

- a. Introduction of Commission members
- b. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2019 All
- c. Update on Town Committee/Community Organization relationships Charity
 - i. Town Council Liaison
 - ii. Discussion with Department Heads to continue All
 - iii. HRC Role, Focus, and Framework: Planning for Commission Retreat All
- d. Report on standing events: Reading of UDHR, African-American History Month event, Human Rights Heroes Picnic, and other HRC/community events All
- e. Sept. 23 - flag raising to celebrate Puerto Rico/Puerto Rican heritage
- f. Coordination with Local Organizations for week of Human Rights Day events Speck
- g. Discussion of U. Mass. closing of North Village Nkosi
- h. Statement on Treatment of Asylum Seekers/Refugees Ferreira/Cahn
- i. Schedule for Fall 2019 All

4) Topics the Chair did not reasonably anticipate 48 hours in advance of the meeting

5) Adjourn

2019 Events Calendar

January

January 19 Saturday- MLK Jr Breakfast (Middle School) Always Saturday of MLK weekend

January 27 International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust

February **African American History Month**

February 20 World Day of Social Justice

March Women's History Month

Irish-American Heritage Month

March 8 International Women's Day

March 10 **TIBET DAY in Amherst (SB vote)**

March 21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

March 24 International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims

April Arab-American Heritage Month

May Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

Older Americans Month

Jewish American Heritage Month

May 21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

June Gay & Lesbian Pride Month

Sat or Sunday before High School Graduation **Human Rights Heroes Picnic and awards**

2nd Sunday Race Amity Day- Amherst and Massachusetts

June 19 **Annual recognition of Juneteenth**

June 20 World Refugee Day

July

August Native American Indian Heritage Month

August 9 International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

September

Sept-Oct National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15-Oct 15)

October Filipino-American Heritage Month

LGBT History Month

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

National Italian American Heritage Month

October 2 International Day of Non-Violence

November **Puerto Rican Heritage Month**

National American Indian Heritage Month

November 16 International Day for Tolerance

November 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

December

December 1 World AIDS Day

December 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities

December 10 **Human Rights Day**