



Human Rights Commission Agenda

Thursday October 10, 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
HR Commission Member Reports All

3) Action and Discussion Items

- a. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2019 All
- b. Update on Town Committee/Community Organization relationships Charity
 - i. Discussion with Department Heads to continue All
 - ii. HRC Role, Focus, and Framework: Planning for Commission Retreat All
- c. Report on standing events: Reading of UDHR, African-American History Month event, Human Rights Heroes Picnic, and other HRC/community events All
- d. Coordination with Local Organizations for week of Human Rights Day events Speck
- e. Discussion of U. Mass. closing of North Village Herrington/Nkosi
- f. Statement on Treatment of Asylum Seekers/Refugees Cahn/Ferreira
- g. Support for upcoming events/legislation
 - i. Human Trafficking Event - Wakefield
 - ii. Amherst Housing Trust Forum on Affordable Housing - November 4
 - iii. Community Summit - November 16
 - iv. Legislation on Racial and Ethnic Data Equity
 - v. Possible consideration on terminology relating to undocumented persons Ferreira
- h. 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**