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## Michigan Civil Rights Commission, Department of Civil Rights Launch 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration

*"An Honorable Past and a Dynamic Future"*

Detroit—The Michigan Civil Rights Commission and the Department of Civil Rights will kick-off their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration with an event at the MSU Detroit Center. This will take place on Wednesday, March 13, with a reception beginning at 5:30 pm; program from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The kick-off event is the first event on a planned 50-city tour which will take place over the next 12 months.

The MSU Detroit Center is located at 3408 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. The evening's activities include two panel discussions on the history and future of civil rights in Detroit, a reception and light refreshments. The panelists include a number of civil rights advocates and community leaders.

"50 years ago Michigan set a new standard for civil rights protections becoming the first state to create a Civil Rights Commission in its Constitution," said Dr. Daniel H. Krichbaum, MDCR Director. "The Commission and the Department work everyday to live up to that legacy and ensure that every person can live, work and play free from discrimination."

Parking is available nearby. The venue is accessible and sign language interpreters will be provided. If you wish to participate and need other accommodations, please email [SanfordS1@Michigan.gov](mailto:SanfordS1@Michigan.gov) by March 11.

A schedule of events will be posted for the 50 city tour at [www.michigan.gov/mdcr](http://www.michigan.gov/mdcr).

*On April 1, 1963, Michigan voters approved a new constitution – the first Constitution in the United States to create a Civil Rights Commission charged with securing equal protection without discrimination. Today, we celebrate that progressive spirit and 50 years of civil rights protections in Michigan*