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**Michigan Department of Civil Rights to Celebrate 50th
Anniversary with Event in Lapeer
*Community Looks Ahead to Civil Rights Challenges of the Next Decade***

Lapeer—The Michigan Civil Rights Commission (MCRC) and the Department of Civil Rights (MDCR) will host a dinner and community conversation on civil rights issues facing the Lapeer area on Tuesday, May 21, at the Lapeer Center Building, 425 County Center Street in Lapeer.

The event begins with dinner at 6:00 pm. The event is free and open to the public. The meeting site is accessible and ample paved parking is available.

A panel of area leaders will kick-off a community dialogue exploring the local civil rights issues MDCR should prioritize over the next ten years. Confirmed speakers include:

- **Doris Rolland**, retired school teacher who will discuss senior, disability and racial rights;
- **Roberta Schaber**, discussing LGBT issues in rural settings;
- **Rasha Demashkieh**, MCRC Commissioner, discussing civil rights issues of Arab Americans in the Lapeer/Port Huron area;
- **Benita Rendon-Murray**, Agricultural Employment Specialist, Migrant, Immigrant & Seasonal Worker Services, Michigan Workforce Development Agency who will discuss issues facing migrant, immigrant and seasonal workers in Michigan.

This visit to Lapeer is an early stop on MDCR's year-long tour of 50 Michigan cities commemorating the 50th anniversary of the department's creation. MDCR 50th anniversary events showcase MDCR services and provide an opportunity for department staff to meet with community leaders and citizens on a variety of topics. The event is co-sponsored by the Lapeer County Equal Rights Alliance (LCERA).

To RSVP or note any accommodations you require to participate in the event, contact Al Flores at FloresA@Michigan.gov or Gale Crooks at Gwave98@aol.com. The complete 50-city anniversary tour schedule is on the MDCR website, www.Michigan.gov/MDCR.

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