

**ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ACTION AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT
Meeting Date: February 2, 2010**

**Action Agenda
Item No. 3-C**

SUBJECT: Proclamation Acknowledging February as "Human Relations Month"

DEPARTMENT: Human Rights and Relations & Orange County Human Relations Commission **PUBLIC HEARING: (Yes/No)**

No

ATTACHMENT(S):
Proclamation

INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Joe Nanney, Chair HRC

PURPOSE: To officially proclaim the month of February as "Human Relations Month" in Orange County.

BACKGROUND: The Governor annually proclaims the month of February as "Human Relations Month" in North Carolina. The Orange County Human Relations Commission has planned activities during the month to increase awareness of social justice issues.

On Sunday, February 28, 2010 from 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM, the Pauli Murray Human Relations Awards Ceremony will be held at the Little Theater of New Hope Elementary School. Originally established in 1990, the Pauli Murray Human Relations Award commemorates the life and achievements of the late Reverend Dr. Pauli Murray by recognizing the civil rights and human relations accomplishments of dedicated Orange County community members. Light refreshments will be provided.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

RECOMMENDATION(S): The Manager recommends the Board adopt the proposed proclamation and authorize the Chair to sign.

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PROCLAMATION
HUMAN RELATIONS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Orange County Human Relations Commission and Office of Human Rights and Relations have diligently served the County of Orange since 1995, and are committed to promoting equal treatment, opportunity and understanding throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the County's Civil Rights Ordinance specifically prohibits discrimination based on an individual's race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, age, veteran status and familial status; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the dignity and worth of each individual and desires to promote and maintain a climate of good will among individuals, races, ethnic groups and persons of varying social, religious and economic status, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status or status with regard to public assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Human Relations Commission encourages Orange County residents, as individuals, to take a stand against social injustice and continue to work together to make freedom, justice, and equal opportunity available for all; and

WHEREAS, Orange County is committed to preserving the progress made thus far towards equality and leading the challenge for equal opportunity using all the means at our disposal;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, The Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 2010 as "**HUMAN RELATIONS MONTH**" in Orange County and challenge County residents to promote the ideology of social justice for all and to celebrate multiculturalism in our county by encouraging residents to embrace our diversity.

THIS THE 2nd DAY OF February, 2010.

Valerie Foushee, Chair
Orange County Board of Commissioners