

**Florida Department of Health
Office of Minority Health**

**2013 Black History
Month Celebration**

Theme:

**At The Crossroads of
Freedom and equality:**

**The Emancipation Proclamation
and the March on Washington**

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Presentation Topic:

No Rights to Civil Rights to Human Rights: A Phenomenal Evolution

- ❖ Introduction
- ❖ Definitions
- ❖ Historic Highlights and Events
1963 to 2013
- ❖ 21st Century Civil and
Human Rights Issues
- ❖ Declaration of Independence

Eras of the Journey to the Crossroads

- ❑ 1863 – 1900
- ❑ 1901 – 1943
- ❑ 1944 – 1963
- ❑ 1964- 1973
- ❑ 1974- 1983
- ❑ 1984- 1993
- ❑ 1994 – 2003
- ❑ 2004 – 2013

1863 - 1900

- 1863 – Presidential Order for the emancipation proclamation declaring that all slaves would be freed. Civil War was underway.
- January 1865 – Congress approved 13th amendment to the constitution.
- 1865 – Assassination of President Lincoln.
- June 19, 1865 – Announcement in Galveston, TX of the emancipation proclamation. The first “juneteenth Day” celebration.
- 1890 -The Second Morrill Act that authorized federal funding for Negro Colleges.
- 1896 – Plessy vs Ferguson. Supreme Court ruled that separate facilities, if equal, is not unconstitutional.
- Separate but equal became law of land.
- 1865 -Birth of the Ku Klux Klan that opposed reconstruction, civil rights, was anti-catholic, anti-jewish and promoted prohibition.

1901 -1943

- 1929 – The Great Depression, stock market crash. 1929 and 2008 similar. The New Deal:
AAA, PWA, FDIC. TVA, SEC, SSA.
- 1910 - The Flexnor Report. Research on Medical Education in the United States. Howard and Meharry.
- 1941 Congress established Center for Negro fighter pilots at Tuskegee University.
- Negro Baseball League was strong during this period.

1944 - 1963

- 1947 – Jackie Robinson became first African American player in baseball major league.
- May 17, 1954 – in *Brown vs Board of Education*, Supreme Court declared that segregation was illegal.
- 1955 – Montgomery bus boycott lead by Rev. King and Rosa Park who is considered the Mother of the Civil Rights Movement. Tallahassee Bus Boycott.
- 1961 – Freedom Riders rode buses in southern states in violation of interstate transportation laws.
- 1963 – March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Dr. King's "I have a dream speech". 250,000 marchers on the Mall.

1964 - 1973

- 1964 – Civil Rights Act passed by Congress. Eliminated all Jim Crow laws.
- 1965 – Voting Rights Act passed to give right to vote to all citizens.
- 1965 – Watts riot. Second southern migration to West coast for defense industry jobs.
- 1967 – Thurgood Marshal appointed as first African American justice to Supreme Court.
- 1968 – Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

1974 – 1983

- July 1976 – US Bicentennial Celebration in Washington, DC to celebrate the founding of the United States of America as an independent republic.
- 1978 – The Bakke case. First in the nation for reverse racial discrimination. Race remained a factor in admission policies.
- 1983 – Guion “Guy” Bluford, Jr. First African American to walk in space.

1984 - 1993

- 1990 – Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, involving United States and Iraq.
- 1992 – Dr. Mae Jameson, a physician and astronaut, becomes first African American female in space.

1994 - 2003

- 1997 – Tobacco settlement verdict. Litigation lead by Florida who received \$11.3b. Settlement between tobacco companies and state attorney generals. Medical care impact.
- Election of 2000. Bush vs Gore election. Election result decided by Supreme Court.
- 2001 – Bombing of World Trade Center in New York City.
- (known as 911)

2004 - 2013

- 2005 – Hurricane Katrina hits State of Louisiana. Highlighted critical role of government.
- 2008 – Election of Barack Obama as first African American president of the United States.
- 2008 – Great Recession of 2008. Created federal stimulus packages and new federal financial policies.
- 2010 – Affordable Care Act (known as Obamacare) to provide health coverage for all Americans.
- 2012 – Reelection of Barack Obama for second presidential term.

Current Crossroad to Freedom and Equity Issues

❑ Stand Your Ground Laws

❑ Voter Suppression Laws

❑ Voter Restoration Laws

❑ Immigration Reform Laws

❑ Sexual Preference Laws

❑ Gun Control Laws

Declaration of Independence

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Have you arrived at the crossroads
of
Freedom and Equality?

Appreciation

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