

All Human, All Equal

Prince William County Human Rights Commission Oath

I, (my name), do solemnly vow, on the 11th day of January 2025, Universal Human Rights Day, to commit myself to the following:

I pledge to recognize the dignity, equality and inalienable rights to the pursuit of happiness for all members of the human family.

I pledge to support the principles of freedom, justice and peace in Prince William County, Manassas and Manassas Park.

I pledge to promote social progress and higher standards of living for all individuals.

I pledge to address the needs of families in our community in a shared partnership, as well as show love and fight intolerance and bigotry.

I pledge to respect the honor and reputation of humankind and not participate in rumors, hearsay, backbiting or bearing false witness.

I pledge commitment to the community effort that will serve as a beacon to the goal of human justice and global harmony.

To these principles, I make this solemn pledge.

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*30 Years of Eliminating Discrimination
and Establishing Equal Opportunity*

UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

Celebration



60th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act

The Civil Rights Act of 1964, signed on July 2, 1964, is a landmark civil rights and labor law in the United States that outlaws discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex and national origin. It prohibits unequal application of voter registration requirements, racial segregation in schools and public accommodations, and employment discrimination. The act remains one of the most significant legislative achievements in American history.

January 11, 2025 | 10 a.m.

James J. McCoart Building
1 County Complex Court
Prince William, VA 22192

Victor M. Glasberg, Esq.
Guest Speaker

Victor M. Glasberg & Associates

Presentation of Colors

Prince William County Joint
Public Safety Honor Guard

National Anthem

Karen-Leigh Albert

Master of Ceremonies

Curtis O. Porter

Chairman, Human Rights Commission

Welcome & Introduction

Chair Porter

Greetings

Deshundra Jefferson

Chair At-Large, Board of County Supervisors

Remarks

Christopher Shorter

County Executive

Keynote Address

Victor M. Glasberg, Esq.

Victor M. Glasberg & Associates

Presentation of

Human Rights Awards

Human Rights Commission Chair
and Commissioners

Human Rights Oath

Ramunda Young

Parliamentarian, Human Rights Commission

History of the

Human Rights Commission

Chair Porter

Closing Remarks

Raul Torres

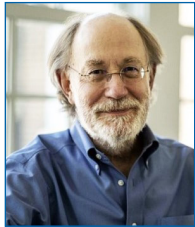
Executive Director, Human Rights Commission

Prince William County Human Rights 2024

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Universal Human Rights 2024

The Universal Human Rights Day Theme for 2024 is "Our Rights, Our Future, Right Now." The UN Human Rights campaign focuses on how human rights are a pathway to solutions, as they play a critical role as a preventative, protective and transformative force for good, particularly in times of crises.



Victor M. Glasberg, Esq. Guest Speaker

Vic Glasberg received his Ph.D. in 1972, and later attended the University of Pennsylvania Law School. After graduating in 1976, he moved to Alexandria, Virginia to work with attorney Philip Hirschkop, who one decade earlier had brought the case that struck down laws prohibiting marriage between whites and non-whites. Vic opened his own practice in 1982, focusing on plaintiffs' civil rights litigation. He is a long-standing member of the legal panel of the Virginia affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union and has litigated numerous cases for the ACLU over the years. Vic has successfully litigated and settled cases addressing issues of free speech, religious liberties, prisoners' rights, police abuse, denial of due process, discrimination in the workplace and housing, and other issues involving civil rights. Vic also regularly counsels persons facing significant employment-related issues, including terminations, new contracts, or changes in status. Learn more about Mr. Glasberg at www.robinhoodesq.com.

Human Rights 2024 Awardees

Traditionally, the Prince William County Human Rights Commission celebrates this day by recognizing persons and/or organizations that by their actions express and promote the principles of Human Rights. This year we are recognizing the following three individuals and three group awards.

Tate Jordan - Student, Prince William County Public Schools

Tate Jordan, a senior at Gainesville High School, has demonstrated a deep commitment to promoting equality, particularly for disabled students, through his leadership, advocacy and involvement in various community and educational initiatives. As a strong advocate for disability rights, Tate organized county-wide events and workshops encouraging students with disabilities to participate in Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs).

Veterans Growing America, Founder and CEO Donnell Johns, Sr.

Retired U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Donnell E. Johns Sr. founded Veterans Growing America to provide a valuable platform for veterans and military spouses to showcase and expand their businesses, partnering with local, state, and federal veteran organizations to boost brand awareness. Through local events and targeted marketing, the organization engages the veteran business community, supporting a national movement that equips veteran-owned businesses with the resources and support necessary for success.

The H.O.P.E. Project, Founder and CEO Sandra McLean

For three decades, Sandra McLean has dedicated her life to advocating for and supporting those experiencing homelessness, creating pathways of hope and dignity for countless individuals and families. Sandra founded The H.O.P.E. Project with a clear mission to provide tangible support and resources to homeless communities, empowering individuals to regain stability and rebuild their lives.

The Coalition for Action

For the past four years, The Coalition for Action, led by the Prince William NAACP in partnership with numerous nonpartisan organizations, has made significant strides in promoting civic engagement, informed voting and community involvement throughout Prince William County. Their initiatives have not only strengthened democratic participation but have also fostered a more engaged and empowered electorate.

Virginia Women and Family Support Center (VAWFSC) - Karen Portman, Pat and Dan Biggio, Priscilla Glover

Virginia Women and Family Support Center (VAWFSC) formerly known as Carried to Full Term was established with a clear mission to provide long-term housing for women who are pregnant and homeless and their children. The goal of VAWFSC is not just housing, but also offering a comprehensive range of services to help women break cycles of homelessness.

Edu-Futuro's Prince William Case Management Team

The work of Edu-Futuro is focused on breaking the cycle of poverty through education. Edu-Futuro's Prince William County Case Management Team is comprised of three Prince William County residents — Jessika Bermúdez, Olga Molleja and Astrid Méndez — and has helped Edu-Futuro to serve 1,061 students and parents in Prince William County, while disbursing more than \$650,000 in emergency assistance for rent, food, clothing and medicine.

"The Civil Rights Act is a challenge to all of us to go to work in our communities and our states, in our homes and in our hearts, to eliminate the last vestiges of injustice in our beloved country."

President Lyndon Baines Johnson