

THE 1965 VOTING RIGHTS ACT

Preamble of the Constitution of the United States of America

We hold these truths to be self evident that all people are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

So long as I do not firmly and irrevocably possess the right to vote, I do not possess my mind, it is made up for me. I can not live as a democratic citizen, observing the laws I have helped enact. I can only submit to the (unjust) edict of others.

--Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

It is all of us who must overcome the crippling legacy of bigotry and injustice. And we shall overcome.

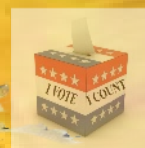
--President Lyndon Baines Johnson 35<sup>th</sup> president

15<sup>th</sup> Amendment

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude.

Our only hope is to control the vote.

--Medgar Evers



The Nonviolent Right-To-Vote Movement 1965

Precinct Council is the new frontier. Government of, for and by the people, the administrative fourth leg of government.

-- Dr. James L. Bevel

You can vote for whoever you want to, but choosing not to vote spits in the face of our ancestors who fought for our right to vote.

--Pastor Otis Moss III

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1865 NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY Honoring Lincoln signing a resolution that later was ratified as the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment

1 LOVE National Freedom Day 2003 d. Michael Anderson, NASA astronaut, killed in the Space Shuttle Columbia 1998, Lillian Fishburne, promoted and, the first A. A. female to hold that rank of rear admiral in the U. S. Navy 1960, Greensboro, NC, First "Sit-in" protest begins. Ends July 25, 1960 1902 b. Langston Hughes, poet, social activist, novelist, playwright, and columnist.

2 JOY 1977 b. Shakira, Colombian singer-songwriter, dancer 1952 b. Pete Brown, First A. A. to win a Professional Golfers Association Tour. 1935 b. Christine Taubira, Guyanese Economist, politician and writer on slavery. 1915 b. John H. Franklin, former president of Phi Beta Kappa, the Org. of Am. Hist. the Am. History Assoc., and Southern Historical Assoc. 1914 b. William Ellsworth, Artist

3 COURAGE 1926 b. Virgil Trice, Jr. Nuclear Scientist 1920, Negro Baseball League, Founded 1879, William White, first A. A. elected president of Major League Baseball's Nat'l League 1879 b. Charles W. Follis, First A. A. professional football player, known as "The Black Cyclone" 1870, The 15th Amendment was passed, granting A. A. men the right to vote.

4 TRUTH Truth is powerful and it prevails. --Sojourner Truth 1980, Levi Watkins, Jr. performed the first human implementation of the Automatic Implantable Defibrillator. 1913 b. Rosa Parks, Started Montgomery Bus Boycott

5 JUSTICE 1995 b. Trayvon Martin, 9th grade student fatally shot on 2/26/12 - No Justice 1974 b. Omarosa Manigault, political aide in White House under President Donald Trump. 1934 b. Hank Aaron, Home run king of baseball 1793 b. John Rankin, Abolitionist. Henry Ward Beecher said, he brought an end to slavery with his sons.

6 KINDNESS 1950 b. Natalie Cole, Singer, songwriter, actress 1945 b. Bob Marley, Internationally famous Reggae artist and songwriter from Jamaica 1867, Robert Tanner, received a degree in dentistry; first A. A. 1867, The Peabody Fund for Black education is started.

7 PEACE 1967 b. Chris Rock, Comedian and actor 1961 b. Allen B. West, First A. A. Republican Congressman from Florida since Reconstruction 1926, Negro History Week, started by Dr. C. G. Woodson, "The Father of Black History" 1887 b. Eubie Blake, Composer, musician, pianist 1866, Freedman Aid Society founded in WDC

8 HEALTH 1988 b. Debbi Thomas, Olympics figure skater 1962 b. Lisa Jackson, first A. A. administrator of the EPA; Chemical engineer 1949 b. Will Allen, Present: Urban farmer, Teacher 1944, Henry McAlphin, First A. A. news reporter to attend White House Press 1924 b. Joseph Black, First A. A. pitcher to win a World Series game

9 CONSCIOUSNESS 1987 b. Michael B. Jordan, Actor 1954 b. Christopher Gardner, Entrepreneur, 1944 b. Alice Walker, Author of The Color Purple, novelist, poet, activist 1907 b. Charles Anderson, Sr. Chief Anderson, Aviator, "Father of Black Aviation." 1737 b. Thomas Paine, Worked to abolish slavery when American independence was won.

10 PROSPERITY The spider and the fly can't make a deal. --Jamaican Proverb 1989, Ronald H. Brown, Elected chairman of the Democratic Nat'l Com. 1964, Civil Rights Act, passed by a vote of 290-130. 1927 b. Leontyne Price, Inter'l famous opera singer 1907 b. Grace Hamilton, First A. A. woman elected to the Georgia General Assembly

11 FAITH 1989, Barbara C. Harris, became first female bishop in the Anglican Communion 1979 b. Brandy, Recording artist, actress and entertainer 1968 Jackie White became the first A. A. to referee a game in the NBA; Chicago Bulls and the Cincinnati Royals in Cleveland, Ohio. 1871 b. Edward Williams, First A. A. professional librarian in the U. S. 1802 b. Lydia Maria Child, abolitionist, women's rights 1783 b. Jerena Lee, first female preacher in the A. M. E. Church

12 WISDOM 1934 b. Bill Russell, First A. A. superstar in the NBA. 1909, NAACP Founded, the only A. A. executive was W. E. B. Du Bois 1855 b. Fannie Barrier Williams, Educator, social activist, lecturer, journalist 1809 b. Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the U. S. 1793, Fugitive Slave Act

13 LOYALTY 1972 b. Marlon St. Julien, First A. A. jockey to ride in the Kentucky Derby in 79 years 1960, The Nashville, TN & FAMU Sit-ins begins and ends May 10, 1960 1923, "The Renaissance", First A. A. professional basketball team organized. 1908 b. Malvin Russell Goode, First African American television news correspondent

14 COURAGE 1946 b. Gregory Hines Dancer 1926 b. Monetta J. Sleet, Jr., Photographer; first A. A. to win Pulitzer Prize for journalism 1879, Blanche K. Bruce, first A. A. (and only former slave) to preside over the U.S. Senate 1817 b. Frederick Douglass, World renowned abolitionist, statesman and orator 1760 b. Richard Allen, founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

15 CHANGE 1968, Henry Lewis, became first A. A. to break the color barrier as a conductor at a major symphony orchestra. 1957, SCLC, The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, co-founded by Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. 1954 b. Leland Melvin, Engineer & NASA astronaut 1930 b. Jacob Carruthers, Academic, African centered scholar. 1820 b. Susan B. Anthony, Abolitionist

16 HARMONY Where there is no struggle, there is no strength. --Oprah Winfrey 1995 b. Jordan Davis, Student killed in FL for playing loud music on 11/23/12. 1982 b. Lupe Fiasco, Rapper 1904 b. James Baskett, Actor and the first male performer of African descent to receive an Oscar 1852 b. William Scarborough, believed to be the first A. A. classical scholar

17 CREATIVITY 1963 b. Michael Jordan, All-time favorite basketball superstar 1949 b. Leonard Coleman, Jr. President of the National Baseball League 1942 b. Huey P. Newton, Co-founder Black Panther 1938 b. Mary Frances Berry, First black woman to head a major research university 1936 b. Jim Brown, Hall of fame football player, 1924 b. Isaiah Robinson, Jr., the first A. A. president of the N Y Board of Education,

18 FREEDOM 1965 b. Dr. Dre, Record producer, rapper, entrepreneur. 1965, Gambia, gained independence 1965, Jimmie Lee Jackson shot to death by AL state trooper; sparked Selma to Montgomery march 1934 b. Audre Lorde, Writer, feminist, librarian and civil rights activist. 1931 b. Toni Morrison, Novelist, editor, professor 1918 b. Johnnie Coleman, New Thought pioneer, founded Christ Universal Tm 1884 b. Paul Revere Williams, Architect; first A. A. member of the Amer. Institute of Architects

19 POWER Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do. --Pele 1976 b. Immortal Technique, Peruvian Rapper, activist 1965 b. Lauren Anderson, First Principal ballerina of a major dance company 1940 b. Smokey Robinson, R&B singer-songwriter 1909 b. Clarence L. Holte Founded, The Basic Afro-American Reprint Library

20 KNOWLEDGE 1988 b. Rihanna, Barbadian recording artist, actress 1963 b. Charles Barkley, Basketball hall of famer 1937 b. Nancy Wilson, Song stylist, jazz, blues, pop 1927 b. Sir Sidney Poitier, Actor, film director, author, diplomat 1918, The Order of Sleeping Car Conductors was organized 1906 b. John H. DeWitt, Jr., Pioneer in radio broadcasting, radar astronomy and photometry 1805 b. Angelina Weld, Architect of abolitionist

21 LEADERSHIP Wherever a man goes to dwell his character goes with him. --African Proverb 1965 d. Malcolm X, El Hajj Malik El Shabazz assassinated in N. Y. 1940 b. John Lewis, Civil Rights leader and politician 1936 b. Barbara Jordan, the first A A elected to the Texas Senate after Reconstruction 1933 b. Nina Simone, singer, activist

22 FORGIVENESS 1950 b. Julius Winfield, ("Dr.J") Erving, former All-star basketball star player 1928 b. Lawrence Joel, First living A. A. to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor since the Spanish-American War, in 1967. 1928 b. Clarence E. Smith, aka Clarence 13X and Allah, founder of Nation of Gods and Earths or Five Percenters 1839 b. Octavius V. Catto educator, intellectual, and civil rights activist 1832, Salem Female Anti-Slavery So. was founded; the first formed by A. A. females

23 INTELLIGENCE When you are filled with self hate your mind is reversed. Meaning you will love the things that destroy you, and hate the things that advance your growth. --Amos Wilson 1987 b. Ab-Soul, Hip hop recording artist. 1942 b. Haki R. Madhubuti, Author, educator, and poet. 1941 b. Amos Wilson, Social theorist, psychologist, Pan-African thinker, scholar and author. 1868 b. W. E. B. Dubois, A. A. Intellectual, political thinker, educator, editor, philosopher, author, and civil

24 BALANCE 1977 b. Floyd Mayweather, Jr., undefeated boxer, and a five-division world champion, won twelve world titles 1940 b. Jimmy Ellis, WBA World Heavyweight Championship 1968 to 1970 1906 b. Clarence Bacote, First NAACP director of citizenship schools 1811 b. Daniel A. Payne, Reformer, Bishop the Afri. Methodist Episcopal Church; the first A. A. to become a college president in the U. S.

25 EQUALITY 1965 b. Veronica Webb. First A. A. model to have a major cosmetics contract 1964, Cassius Clay beat Sonny Liston became World Heavyweight Champ, First A. A. model to have a major cosmetics contract 1931 b. Clarence Avant, aka the Godfather of Black Music; engineered the first joint venture between an A. A. record company. 1925 b. Ed Gardner Founder of Soft Sheen 1928 b. Aloysius "Leon" Higginbotham, Jr., Lawyer, Civil Rights Advocate, federal appeals judge

26 RESPECT 2007, Virginia apologized for its role in slavery 1971 b. Erykah Badu, singer-songwriter, record producer, activist and actress 1928 b. Fats Domino, Rock and roll superstar 1933 b. Godfrey Cambridge, Comedian and actor. 1877, First Saviours' Day by the Nation of Islam commemorating the birth of its founder Master Wallace Fard Muhammad

27 WEALTH 1946, Malcolm Little, began an eight year sentence for burglary. Released in 1952 he took on the last name X. 1924 b. Samella Lewis, printmaker; first tenured A. A. professor in art history at Scripps College 1911 b. Ed Davis, Hall of fame auto dealer and the first A. A. to win a franchise to sell new cars 1897 b. Marian Anderson, World famous African American opera singer 1872, Charlotte Ray, became first African American female lawyer

28 STRENGTH 1984, Michael Jackson wins eight Grammy Awards for, "Thriller", one of the top-grossing albums of all time. 1965, Selma to Montgomery march called by Rev. James Bevel at Zion United Methodist Chu, Marion, AL 1956 b. Adrian Dantley, Hall of fame basketball 1945 b. Charles "Bubba" Smith, Former football player and actor 1940, Richard Wright's first novel published, Native Son. 1922, Egypt, gained independence

29 BEAUTY 1984 b. Cullen Jones, Gold Metal freestyle sprint swimmer. 1948 b. Will Donnell Smith Successful fashion designer 1940, Hattie McDaniel, Wins Best Supporting Actress as Mammy in Gone with the Wind. 1892 b. Augusta Savage, First A. A. artist elected to the Nat'l Assoc. of Women Painters & Sculptors; bust titled Gamin, is on permanent display at the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Wash., D.C.

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Oh, he carried the cross for me, he carried the cross for me,  
 When I was just a boy playing with a toy,  
 he was concerned about my liberty.  
 When I stood telling tales, he spend many days in jail  
 to restore to me my lost humanity.  
 When I was a hate-filled man. He made me understand.  
 He told me truths that set my poor heart free.  
 When I could only cuss, He rode the Freedom Bus,  
 and introduced me to responsibility.  
 When I didn't have a friend,

nonviolently he sat in and made the nation honor my dignity,  
 When I didn't have a coat and my mama couldn't even vote,  
 he made the Congress set my people free.  
 When my sister didn't have a blouse, and my dad couldn't buy a house,  
 he made open housing a reality.  
 We were dying in Vietnam and he stopped Old Uncle Sam,  
 and made him respect all humanity.  
 When I was but a slave, he gladly went to his grave  
 to set my mind and body free.  
 He never was afraid, 'cause this is what he said:

"No matter what my son, you must forgive,  
 If you haven't found a cause to die for then you're not fit to live!"  
 And this is the challenge he left you and me.  
 When Martin Luther King died, I sat down and cried,  
 'cause I had lost my best friend don't you see.  
 He taught me to forgive, and now I'm fit to live.  
 And now I too can face the tree 'cause  
 He Carried the Cross for Me.

by James Luther Bevel  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p><b>28</b> <i>The young bird does not crow until it hears the old ones.</i>                      —Tswana proverb  <b>1967 b. Marvin Sapp</b>, Senior pastor of Lighthouse Full Life Center Church; Gospel singer and songwriter  <b>1962 b. Creflo A. Dollar, Jr.</b>, Pastor, and the founder of World Changers Church  <b>1913 b. Hazel Garland</b>, Pittsburgh Courier 1988, First A. A. to serve as editor-in-chief of a nationally circulated newspaper.  <b>1901 b. Richmond Barthe</b>, A. A. sculptor most well know for his Toussaint L'Ouverture Monument in Port-au-Prince, Haiti</p>	<p><b>29</b>  <b>1942 b. Arnaldo T. Méndez</b>, Cuban &amp; first black astronaut in space. He flew with a Soviet cosmonaut 9/18/80  <b>1954 b. Oprah Winfrey</b>, A celebrated talk show hostess, actress, movie producer and business woman.  <b>1926, Violette Anderson</b>, became the first A. A. woman to practice law before the United States Supreme Court</p>	<p><b>30</b>  <b>1979, Franklin Thomas</b> Named president of Ford Fd  <b>1976 b. Johnathan Iverson</b>, First A. A. Ringmaster 1999 with Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus  <b>1945 b. Floyd Harold Flake</b>, Senior pastor of the 23,000 member Greater Allen African Methodist Episcopal Cathedral  <b>1944 b. Sharon Kelly</b>, First A. A. female mayor of a major American city Washington DC  <b>1844 b. Richard Greener</b>, First A. A. to graduate from Harvard College</p>	<p><b>31</b>  <b>1950 b. Bishop Noel Jones</b>, Senior pastor of the City of Refuge Ch, 17,000 members  <b>1931 b. Ernie Banks</b>, Hall of fame baseball player  <b>1925 b. Benjamin Hooks</b>, Attorney, minister, civil rights leader  <b>1919 b. Jackie Robinson</b>, First A. A. baseball player in the major league.  <b>1914 b. Jersey Joe Walcott</b>, Hall of fame boxer; 1951 won the World Heavyweight Boxing Championship</p>	<p><b>DECEMBER 2023 Kwanzaa</b></p> <p>December 26                      Kwanzaa daily greeting: <b>Habari gani?</b> (What's the news?) Answer: Respond with the day name. Example: <b>Umoja Habari gani</b></p> <p><b>KWANZAA BEGINS UMOJA - UNITY</b></p> <p>December 29  <i>A man who does not respect his mother is absolutely no good.</i>                      —African Proverb</p> <p><b>UJAMAA - COLLECTIVE ECONOMICS</b></p>		<p>December 27  <i>Before shooting, one has to carefully aim.</i>                      —African Proverb</p> <p><b>KUJICHAGULIA SELF - DETERMINATION</b></p> <p>December 30  <i>It is better to be loved than feared.</i>                      —African Proverb</p> <p><b>NIA - PURPOSE</b></p>	<p>December 28  <i>To get lost is to learn the way.</i>                      —African Proverb</p> <p><b>UJIMA - COLLECTIVE WORK &amp; RESPONSIBILITY</b></p> <p>December 31  <i>A roaring lion kills no game.</i>                      —African Proverb</p> <p><b>KUUMBA - CREATIVITY</b></p>
<p><b>Legend</b>  <b>A. A.</b> means African or Anubian American  <b>1951 b.</b> means born  <b>2014 d.</b> means deceased</p> <p><b>KWANZAA</b>  <b>IMANI - FAITH</b>  <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> <b>1970 b. Dr. Llaila Africa</b>, Wholistic Health Expert  <b>1960, Cameroon</b>, gained independence  <b>1958 b. Grandmaster Flash</b>, Hip-hop musician, DJ  <b>1956, Sudan</b>, gained independence  <b>1941 b. Prathia Hall</b>, She was the key inspiration for Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech.  <b>1939 b. Willye White</b>, first American track/field athlete to compete in five Olympics  <b>1915 b. John H. Clarke</b> 1960's pioneer in the creation of African studies.  <b>1863, Emancipation Proclamation</b>, goes into effect.  <b>1801, Haiti</b>, gained independence</p>	<p><b>2</b> <i>Magic lies in challenging what seems impossible.</i>                      —Senator Carol Mosely-Braun  <b>2005 b. Marley Dias</b>, Author, activist, thinker  <b>1971 b. Taye Diggs</b>, Film and television actor  <b>1968 b. Cuba Gooding, Jr.</b>, Actor  <b>1936 b. Paul Freeman</b>, Founding music director of the Chicago Sinfonietta  <b>1911 b. John Gibbs Drake</b>, Sociologist &amp; anthropologist  <b>1898 b. Sadie Alexander</b>, first A. A. woman to receive a Ph.D. in the U. S.  <b>1884 b. Oscar D. Micheaux</b>, first major A. A. feature filmmaker</p>	<p><b>3</b> <i>The confidence of the people is worth more than money.</i>                      —Carter G. Woodson  <b>1989, The Arsenio Hall Show</b>, debuted  <b>1978, Dominica</b>, gained independence  <b>1966 b. Samuel Younge, Jr.</b>, first A. A. college student murder of the Civil Rights Movement  <b>1962 b. Cheryl Miller</b>, Hall of fame basketball player  <b>1955 b. William Ribbs, Jr.</b>, first A. A. to qualify for the Indianapolis 500  <b>1624 b. William Tucker</b>, first recorded A. A. birth</p>	<p><b>4</b> <i>If a man is not faithful to his own individuality, he cannot be loyal to anything.</i>                      —Claude McKay  <b>1981 b. Alicia Garza</b>, Editorial writer, activist; co founder, Black Lives Matter  <b>1937 b. Grace Bumbry</b>, Opera singer  <b>1935 b. Floyd Patterson</b>, Heavyweight Champion of the world 1956-1962.  <b>1901 b. Cyril James</b>, Historian, journalist and author; Pan-African agitator  <b>1890 b. Mordecai Johnson</b>, first A. A. President of Howard Univ.</p>	<p><b>5</b>  <b>1994 b. Jameis Winston</b>, At age 19 on December 14, 2013, he became the second freshman and youngest player to win the Heisman Trophy  <b>1982 b. Amon Simutowe</b>, first Black Chess Grand master from sub-Saharan Africa; third in history  <b>1968 b. John D. Singleton</b>, Film director, screenwriter, and producer  <b>1868 b. Sissieretta Jones</b>, Soprano who paved the way for A. A. classical musicians at Carnegie Hall.  <b>1831, World Anti-Slavery Convention</b> opened in London.</p>	<p><b>6</b>  <b>1966, Chicago Freedom Movement</b>, Plans announced for Chicago Open Housing Movement.  <b>1944 b. Ra Un Nefer Amen</b>, Musician and founder and Chief Priest &amp; King of the Ausar Auset Society; author  <b>1941 b. Frederick Gregory</b>, first A. A. to pilot a space shuttle  <b>1897 b. Rayford Logan</b>, Historian and Pan-African activist  <b>1891 b. Zora Hurston</b> Folklorist, anthropologist, author, during the Harlem Renaissance</p>	