

# **Fifty Years Since Selma: A Voting Rights History and Story**

**Presented by  
The Garrison Cultural Center and the National Civil Rights Museum**

**I**n commemoration of the passing of the Voting Rights Act, Northland residents are invited to attend, "Fifty Years Since Selma: A Voting Rights History and Story." This Black History Month virtual presentation is co-sponsored by Garrison School Cultural Center, Liberty Parks and Recreation, The Senior Learning Network, and The National Civil Rights Museum on Thursday, February 26, at 7 p.m. in the Liberty Community Center Theater, located at 1600 S. Withers Rd. Liberty, Missouri. There is no charge for the event that will begin with a reception from 6:30 p.m.-7:00. It has been 50 years since President Lyndon Johnson signed into law the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Considered among the most far reaching pieces of civil rights legislation in U.S. History, it embodies a story of the long struggle for African American freedom, one that needs to be shared.

**Thursday, February 26, at 7 p.m.  
Liberty Community Center Theater  
1600 S. Withers Rd. Liberty, Missouri**

Residents will have an opportunity to explore the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, TN via a virtual presentation of the Voting Rights Exhibit led by Jody Stokes-Casey, the museum's education coordinator. Participants will also hear the story of Historian Reynauld Smith, a Fulbright Scholar and recipient of the McGraw Hill Prize in Education, who was a student and civil rights activist at Tuskegee University in Montgomery, AL. Mr. Smith was actively engaged in the voting rights struggle during the Selma marches of the 1960s.

Through use of The Senior Learning Network, community residents will be able to discuss, ask questions, and engage in dialogue with out-of-state program participants during the presentation.

## **About the National Civil Rights Museum**

The National Civil Rights Museum located at the Lorraine Motel, the assassination site of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., chronicles key episodes of the American Civil Rights Movement and the legacy of this movement to inspire participation in civil and human rights efforts globally, through its collections, exhibitions and educational programs.

An internationally acclaimed tourist attraction, the Museum was voted third among USA Today's Top 10 Best American Iconic Attractions; Top 10 Best Historical Spots in the U.S. by TLC's Family Travel; Must See by the Age of 15 by Budget Travel and Kids; Top 10, American Treasures by USA Today; and Best Memphis Attraction by *The Commercial Appeal*.

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