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STATE-WIDE FILM AND PANEL DISCUSSION SERIES TO CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT

FARGO, N.D. (April 2, 2018) – [The Human Family](#) has partnered with [High Plains Fair Housing Center](#), the [Greater Grand Forks Apartment Association](#) and the [North Dakota Human Rights Coalition](#) to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the [Fair Housing Act](#), a federal act that prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental and other housing-related transactions based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status and disability. President Lyndon Johnson signed into law Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly known as the Fair Housing Act, on April 11, 1968, seven days after the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

“On April 11 we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the passage of the federal Fair Housing Act,” said Michelle Rydz, Founder and Executive Director of the High Plains Fair Housing Center. “The Act passed only seven days after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and became one of his most important legacies.”

The short films “Seven Days”, “Matter of Place” and portions of “Brick by Brick” will be screened and followed by a panel discussion that will highlight the importance of fair housing and its impact in North Dakota. “High Plains Fair Housing works to eliminate housing discrimination and to ensure equal housing opportunities in North Dakota,” said Rydz. “As our state becomes more diverse-there continues to be evidence that housing discrimination exists in this state, particularly against persons with disabilities, Native Americans, New Americans, and families with children.”



Screenings and discussions have been scheduled throughout North Dakota: In [Bismarck on April 9 from 6-8 p.m.](#) at the [North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum](#); In [Grand Forks on April 11 from 6-8 p.m.](#) at the [Empire Arts Center](#); [in Fargo on Thursday, April 12 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.](#) at the [Fargo Theatre](#); and in [Minot on Wednesday, April 25 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.](#) at the [Oak Park Theater](#).

The event is free and open to the public. ADA accommodations are available by contacting ADA@Human-Family.org. Tickets are suggested by not required and are available at the Human Family website www.human-family.org.

[The Human Family](#) is a 501(c)(3) organization based in Fargo, North Dakota, and is dedicated to the creation, support, promotion and distribution of human rights, social justice and social issue-based projects. The Human Family develops original content such as [The North Dakota Human Rights Film & Arts Festival](#). For more information visit the Human Family website, www.human-family.org.

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