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U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Appoints Kansas State Advisory Committee Members

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights announced today the appointment of 12 members to the Kansas State Advisory Committee.

The Commission appointed:

- Elizabeth Kronk Warner of Lawrence (Chair)
- Michael J. Abrams of Overland Park
- Janell N. Avila of Overland Park
- Mildred A. Edwards of Topeka
- Marsha L. Frey of Manhattan
- Steven P. Gieber of Abilene
- Laurie M. Johnson of Manhattan
- Robert L. Mandel of Prairie Village
- Phyllis E. Nolan of Louisburg
- Kirk P. Perucca of Prairie Village
- Charles S. Scott, Jr. of Shawnee
- Unoke R. Ewa of Kansas City

"Kansas has a long-standing record of addressing issues of civil and human rights. As the home of the landmark decision, *Brown v. Board of Education*, I applaud the committee's continued commitment to addressing civil rights issues," Commission Staff Director Marlene Sallo said.

State advisory committee members conduct reviews and produce reports and recommendations concerning local civil rights issues, including justice, voting, discrimination, housing and education. Congress mandates that the federal Commission appoint volunteer members to advisory committees in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Appointees to the federal State Advisory Committees serve two-year terms.

Chair Elizabeth Kronk Warner stated, "The Kansas Advisory Committee works tirelessly to improve the lives of the people of Kansas. I am honored to continue in this proud tradition and look forward to continued great work of the Kansas Advisory Committee."

Past Kansas State Advisory Committee activities addressed race relations and racial religious tensions on selected Kansas college campuses. The committee will meet for the first time in Lawrence on July 30, 2014 to consider its plans and priorities.

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency charged with advising the President and Congress on civil rights matters, studying civil rights issues, and issuing a federal civil rights enforcement report. For information about Commission's reports and meetings, visit <http://www.usccr.gov>.