

BERGEN COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Our Pledge:

"I pledge my allegiance to you my neighbor, to do my part with the ideals of justice and compassion for all humanity as my guide, to accept me for who I am, and to help shape a community that reflects these ideals."

HISTORY

In 1995, the Bergen County Human Relations Commission was established as an advisory body to the County's Department of Human Services. The Commission is empowered by the County Executive and the Board of Chosen Freeholders to promote multicultural understanding and social tolerance. To that end, it works to reduce prejudice and stereotypes. Members represent their community or organization and have distinguished themselves in the area of human relations. The Commission meets monthly with the exception of July and August.

MISSION

To actively promote respect for human rights and cultural diversity in Bergen County.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- ◆ To re-establish a sense of community.
- ◆ To foster respect for the rights and differences of others.
- ◆ To support community-based activities and the expansion of existing programs which promote acceptance and combat bigotry.
- ◆ To act as a catalyst for open discussion and problem solving regarding human rights issues.
- ◆ To serve as a source and clearing-house for information.

PROGRAMS

Annual Conference

The Commission hosts an annual conference on issues of concern in Bergen County.

Hearings

Public hearings are held on issues of concern throughout the County.

SERVICES

The Commissioners are always available to consult with community groups, schools, and other organizations. In addition, information about other speakers is available.