



55TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT & THE SELMA MARCH

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IN SUPPORT OF VOTING RIGHTS

– 55 Years Since Selma

March 7-25, 1965

SELMA to MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA MARCH

Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Director of Direct Action, James Bevel organized the first march focused on the voting rights movement to take place from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama which was the state's capital. This first march began March 7, 1965 and would become known as Bloody Sunday. Led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the second march took place March 9, 1965. President Johnson committed to protect the marchers in the third protest march which began on March 21, 1965. He sent the Alabama National Guard, FBI agents, and federal marshals. The marchers consisting of approximately 25,000 people crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge and continuing along the 54-mile highway from Selma, Alabama arriving in Montgomery at the Alabama State Capitol on March 25, 1965 in support of voting rights. This effort assisted in President Johnson promoting the Voting Rights Act which became law on August 6, 1965.

IMPORTANT DATES

Last day to register before Primary Monday, April 13, 2020

General PrimaryTuesday, April 28, 2020

Last day to register before General ElectionMonday, October 19, 2020

General ElectionTuesday, November 3, 2020

19th Amendment Centennial guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote.