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State Civil Rights Commission Consolidates, Relocates Two Offices Move Will Improve Service, Save \$500,000 Annually

Harrisburg – The Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission’s two Harrisburg offices will consolidate and relocate to 333 Market St., 8th floor in Harrisburg, beginning Tuesday, July 30, 2013. The commission’s executive offices moved earlier in the month to the same location.

The commission’s Harrisburg Regional Office in the Riverfront Office Center will close at 3 p.m. on Friday, July 26. The office will remain closed Monday, July 29 and will reopen Tuesday at 333 Market St.

Those needing assistance on Monday should contact the commission’s main information number, 717-787-4410.

The consolidation will save the state approximately \$500,000 per year in leasing and administrative costs.

“This is just one part of a comprehensive effort to continue providing excellent service and protecting Pennsylvanians from discrimination, despite an ever-tightening fiscal environment,” Executive Director JoAnn Edwards said.

“This will not only save taxpayer money, it will help increase our efficiency and improve communication among investigative, administrative and executive staff members,” Edwards said.

The commission’s Harrisburg Regional Office serves a 39 counties: Adams, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Bradford, Cambria, Carbon, Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, Mifflin, Monroe, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Perry, Pike, Schuylkill, Snyder, Somerset, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Wayne, Wyoming and York counties.

Discrimination complaints do not have to be filed in person, but intake staff members are available to assist by phone or in the office. Appointments are recommended.

Filing instructions, complaint forms, directions and parking information can be found online at www.phrc.state.pa.us.

Businesses, schools, housing providers and housing lenders who are subject to the PA Human Relations Act can download updated Fair Practice Notices free at www.phrc.state.pa.us, or request by email at phrc@pa.gov or phone at 717-772-2845.

These notices are required to be posted in order to help protect schools and businesses from liability and inform their customers, employees, students and others of their rights under PA nondiscrimination laws.

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