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**MAYOR KAREN FREEMAN-WILSON: KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
FOR INDIANA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION AWARDS DINNER**

**Gary, Indiana**-Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson will deliver the keynote address at the Indiana Civil Rights Commission's (ICRC) Courage and Vision: Champions of Civil Rights Awards Dinner on Wednesday, June 19, 2019. Organizers will host the awards dinner in conjunction with the Juneteenth holiday that commemorates the emancipation of African Americans who were enslaved. Mayor Freeman-Wilson is the former director of the Indiana Civil Rights Commission.

"I am honored to join the Commission and the Indiana Consortium as the keynote speaker for the inaugural conference dinner convening this summer," said Karen Freeman-Wilson. "I am also excited as the conference will commemorate the Juneteenth Holiday established to honor freedom and the immeasurable contributions to America made by the African-American people."

The event will additionally recognize outstanding performance in four categories: Freedom, Equity, Cultural Vision and Diversity and Inclusion. *See full ICRC Press Release attached.*

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