



Media Advisory

From State Representative La Shawn K. Ford

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Ford and National Louis University Host Discussion on Slavery

CHICAGO- Illinois State Representative La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) and National University is hosting an open discussion on slavery. The discussion will be held on International Day for the Abolition of Slavery on December 2nd. Other speakers attending this event include members of the Good Neighbors Campaign, Quiwana Bell, Dr. Ericka Mingo and Dr. Bradley Olson of National Louis University.

“Many years ago, it was thought that we abolished the terror that was slavery here in the United States,” said Ford. “The sad truth is we are still facing the impact of slavery, and in a sense, it still exists in America especially with African American citizens.”

“The Black family was freed from chattel slavery only to be driven into social, cultural, and economic bondage. This is not just historical but relative to our communities and policies today,” said Dr. Ericka Mingo.

Rep. Ford is no stranger to the topic of slavery, last year, he introduced House Resolution 1011 to the Restorative Justice Committee of the Illinois House of Representatives in Springfield requesting President Obama commission a study on the impact of slavery in the United States. The Restorative Justice Committee unanimously recommended that the Resolution be adopted, which the House did on June 30, 2016.

“Slavery is still present, in the ghosts of the past and the realities of future. It is now time to address it in all forms,” said Dr. Bradley Olson.

“We need to open up and talk about the different types of exploitation happening to the vulnerable groups in our society,” said Ford. “This day allows us to show that there has been an impact due to slavery, and the fight to abolish that impact is still on going.”

According to the UN, The day marks the date of the adoption, by the General Assembly, of the United Nations Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others.

WHO: Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, Quiwana Bell, Good Neighbors Campaign, Dr. Ericka Mingo, Dr. Bradley Olson

WHAT: Ford and National Louis University Host Slavery Discussion

WHEN: Saturday, December 2, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: 5437 W. Division, Chicago IL 60651