



# Media Advisory...

*from State Representative La Shawn K. Ford*

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## **Ford and State Agencies Commit to Improve State Services** **In Special Black History Month Kick-off**

**CHICAGO** – With Black History Month celebrating the abundant history of African Americans, state Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, Illinois state agencies, and community stakeholders are hosting an event to focus on uplifting and empowering African Americans for a brighter future. The Black History Month Kickoff Resource Fair will begin with a press conference on February 1 at 11 a.m. at the James R. Thompson Center, located at 100 W Randolph St. in Chicago.

“February 1st is day one of the 2018 Black History Month Celebration, but unfortunately at this time, unemployment in the black community continues to be too high, college enrollment too low and violence on the rise,” said Ford. “The kick-off of Black History Month is a great time to improve the delivery of state services to black families in Illinois. Our state has a responsibility for providing for the health, safety and welfare of the people and Illinois must do everything possible to eliminate poverty and inequality. Today marks a great day of all hands on deck, with every state agency making a commitment to the improvement of the lives of black families in Illinois.”

<b>WHO</b>	State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Central Management Services Illinois Department of Corrections Illinois State Board of Education Illinois Department of Human Services Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation Illinois State Police Illinois Department of Employment Security Capital Development Board Illinois Department of Transportation Illinois Housing Development Authority Department of Children and Family Services Chicago Urban League, Westside Health Authority, Chicago Westside NAACP, UHS, CDC, DREB, NAREB, Illinois Credit Union League Other community organizations
<b>WHAT</b>	Resource Fair & Press Conference
<b>WHEN</b>	Thursday, February 1, 2018, 11 a.m.
<b>WHERE</b>	Press Conference - James R. Thompson Center Blue Room Resource Fair – James R. Thompson Center Atrium 100 W. Randolph St., Chicago

Ford represents the 8th Representative District, which contains parts of Chicago’s Austin neighborhood and portions of Berwyn, Brookfield, Forest Park, La Grange, La Grange Park, North Riverside and Oak Park. For more information, please contact [RepFord@LaShawnFord.com](mailto:RepFord@LaShawnFord.com) or 217-782-5962.

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