

## “A Time for Justice: AMERICA’S CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT”

**May 17, 1954 [Federal Action]**

Supreme Court outlaws school segregation in *Brown v. Board of Education*.

**July 11, 1954**

White Citizens Council formed to resist desegregation.

**August 28, 1955**

EMMETT LOUIS TILL: Murdered for speaking to a white woman, Money, Miss.

**December 1, 1955 [Activist Action]**

Rosa Parks arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white man. Montgomery, Ala.

**December 5, 1955 [Activist Action]**

Montgomery bus boycott begins.

**November 13, 1956**

Supreme Court bans segregated seating on Montgomery buses.

**August 29, 1957 [Federal Action]**

Congress passes first civil rights act since Reconstruction.

**September 4, 1957 [Federal Action]**

President Eisenhower orders federal troops to enforce school desegregation, Little Rock, Ark.

**February 1, 1960 [Activist Action]**

Black students stage sit-in at ‘whites only’ lunch counter, Greensboro, N.C.

**April 16, 1960 [Activist Action]**

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) founded to promote youth involvement.

**May 14, 1961 [Activist Action]**

Freedom riders attacked in Alabama while testing compliance with bus desegregation laws.

**May 21, 1961 [Federal Action]**

Federal marshals sent to protect civil rights activists threatened by a mob in Montgomery, Ala.

**April 1, 1962 [Activist Action]**

Civil rights groups join forces to launch voter registration drive.

**September 30, 1962**

Riots erupt when James Meredith, a black student enrolls at Ole Miss.

**May 3, 1963**

Birmingham police attack marching with dogs and fire hoses.

**June 11, 1963**

Alabama governor stands in schoolhouse door to stop university integration.

**June 12, 1963**

MEDGAR EVERS rights leader assassinated, Jackson, Miss.

**August 28, 1963 [Activist Action]**

25,000 Americans march on Washington for civil rights.

**September 15, 1963 [Activist Action]**

ADDIE MAE COLLINS, DENISE MCNAIR, CAROLE ROBERTSON, & CYNTHIA WESLEY, Schoolgirls killed in bombing of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

**January 23, 1964 [Federal Action]**

The 24<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution outlaws poll tax in federal elections.

**June 20, 1964 [Activist Action]**

Freedom Summer brings 1,000 young civil rights volunteers to Miss.

**June 21, 1964**

JAME CHANEY, ANDREW GOODMAN, & MICHAEL SCHWERNER,

Civil rights workers abducted and slain by Klansmen, Philadelphia, Miss.

**July 2, 1964 [Federal Action]**

President Johnson signs Civil Rights Act of 1964.

**February 26, 1965**

JIMMIE LEE JACKSON

Civil rights marcher killed by state trooper, Marion, Ala.

**March 7, 1965 [Activist Action]**

State troopers beat back marchers at Edmund Pettus Bridge, Selma, Ala.

**March 25, 1965 [Activist Action]**

Civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery completed.

**July 9, 1965 [Federal Action]**

Congress passes Voting Rights Act of 1965.