

## FRANK WASHINGTON

### Former S.C. Department of Education administrator; NAACP leader, Columbia

Frank Washington was one of the state Department of Education's first African American administrators, overseeing the state's black public schools. It was through that position that Washington witnessed the widespread inequity in the South Carolina's public education system. The experience strengthened Washington's resolve to fight racial discrimination and the underrepresentation of African-Americans in all public life, from elected offices, to jobs, to contracting.

Washington, always active in the NAACP, rose to the leadership of the Columbia NAACP. Within the organization, one of Washington's most significant victories was leading the NAACP in pressuring the city of Columbia to change the way it elected its mayor and city council. It gave a city with a large black population the opportunity to elect black candidates, ushering in a new era of politics.

# 2006

## SOUTH CAROLINA AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY CALENDAR

# DECEMBER

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

					1 Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a public bus in 1955.	2 Historian Charles Wesley was born in 1891.
3 First issue of North Star newspaper published in 1847.	4 American Anti-Slavery Society organized in 1833.	5 Mary McLeod Bethune, educator, founded National Council of Negro Women, 1935.	6 In 1971 Lewis Franklin Powell was confirmed as U.S. Supreme Court justice.	7 Lester Granger was named executive director of the National Urban League in 1941.	8 Entertainer Sammy Davis Jr. was born in 1925.	9 Entertainer Redd Foxx was born in 1925.
10 Ralph J. Bunche becomes the first Black person awarded a Nobel Peace Prize in 1950.	11 P.B.S. Pinchback became the first African American governor of an American state, Louisiana, in 1872.	12 Joseph H. Rainey (S.C.) first African American elected to Congress in 1870.	13 First Black women complete officer training for the WAVES, 1944.	14 Congressman John Langston was born in 1829.	15 Maggie Lena Walker, banker, died in 1934.	16 Andrew Young of Georgia named ambassador and chief delegate to the United Nations in 1976.
17 Noble Sissle, lyricist and bandleader, died in 1975.	18 The 13th Amendment was ratified in 1865.	19 Carter G. Woodson, historian, was born in 1875.	20 South Carolina seceded from the Union in 1860.	21 Motown Records established in 1959 by Berry Gordy Jr.	22 Historian, and author of Destruction of Black Civilization, Dr. Chancellor Williams was born in 1898.	23 Alice H. Parker patented the gas heating furnace in 1919.
24 Irwin C. Mollison first African American judge of the Customs Court was born in 1898.	25 <b>Christmas Day</b> In 1971 Rev. Jesse Jackson organized Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity).	26 In 1924, DeFord Bailey Sr. became the first African American to perform on the Grand Ole Opry.	27 Pioneer of blood plasma research, Dr. Charles Richard Drew, established a blood bank in New York City in 1941.	28 Earl "Fatha" Hines, famed jazz musician and father of modern jazz piano, was born in 1905.	29 Thomas Bradley was born in 1917.	30 Blues composer and singer Bo Diddley was born in 1928.
31 <b>New Year's Eve</b> Odetta Felious Gordon, folk singer and activist, was born in 1930.	   					