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# 1964 CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AVAILABLE ON GPO'S FEDERAL DIGITAL SYSTEM

WASHINGTON – With the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the Civil Rights Act, the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) is making the official, digital version of the law available on the agency's Federal Digital System (FDsys). President Johnson signed the act into law on July 2, 1964 prohibiting segregation and discrimination regarding schools, public places and activities, and employment practices. GPO employees produced the original document 50 years ago. Today, GPO serves as the digital information platform for the Federal Government making information available on FDsys, a one-stop site to authentic, published Government information. GPO continues to add historical content like the Civil Rights Act and Warren Commission Report to FDsys.

Link to Civil Right Act of 1964:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/STATUTE-78/pdf/STATUTE-78-Pg241.pdf>

“GPO’s efforts to digitize historical content are strengthening the link between the American people and their Government by giving the public digital access to both historical and current information,” said Davita Vance-Cooks. “FDsys is a vital component to GPO and the agency’s mission of *Keeping America Informed*.”

FDsys offers free public access to nearly one million searchable titles, and has achieved the milestone of more than one billion document retrievals. Examples of content found on FDsys include: the Warren Commission Report, the post-President Kennedy's assassination tape recordings, President Nixon's Watergate grand jury testimony, the Budget of the U.S. Government, the Congressional Record, Federal Register, Code of Federal Regulations, and congressional bills, hearings, and reports. GPO is continually adding content and working with agencies on new collection opportunities.

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