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### **Catherine E. Lhamon Selected as Chair of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights**

Washington, DC – Today, by unanimous vote, Commissioners of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights have concurred in President Obama's appointment of Catherine E. Lhamon as Chair.

The Chair of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights serves a six-year term.

The Commission offers heartfelt thanks to former Chair Martin R. Castro for his six years of tireless service in defense of the civil rights of all Americans.

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