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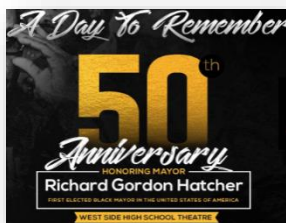
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“A DAY TO REMEMBER” HONORING RICHARD GORDON HATCHER 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST ELECTED BLACK MAYOR IN THE U.S.A.

Gary, Indiana-Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson, the City of Gary, Councilwoman Ragen Hatcher and the Hatcher Anniversary Planning Committee present, “A Day To Remember” honoring Mayor Richard Gordon Hatcher, the first elected black Mayor in the United States of America.

All roads will lead to the West Side High School Theatre, 900 Gerry Street on Saturday, November 4, 2017; 6:00 p.m. (CST) for the grand celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the historic election. The evening is expected to attract hundreds of guests who will share in this special tribute to honor a Gary icon and legend. Special guests include Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, Marc Morial, National Urban League President & CEO, Deniece Williams and others. Val Warner of Windy City Live will be the host.

Organizers say, “A Day to Remember” will call up the history making events leading up to the 1967 election when Hatcher became Mayor and post-election events during a time when discrimination and desegregation were prominent barriers. The event will take those who attend through the 20 year journey of the Hatcher leadership that will feature an exciting evening of tributes, speakers, presentations, food, vendors, music and dance. Tickets for this event of the year are \$25.00 and are available at the Urban League of Northwest Indiana, 3101 Broadway and at Gary City Hall, 401 Broadway. Tickets may also be purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-day-to-remember-tickets-37077022372> or call 219-887-9621.

For information about sponsorship and vendor opportunities, contact the Mayor's Office at 219-881-1302 for more information. Proceeds from "A Day to Remember" will benefit the Civil Rights Hall of Fame. Checks may be made payable to the Richard Gordon Hatcher Legacy Foundation.

All are invited to come early. Doors and Vendors open at 5:00 p.m. (CST). The Media is also invited. Reservations are required.

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