



**Statement from A. Shuanise Washington
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“Human rights are something you were born with. Human rights are your God-given rights. Human rights are the rights that are recognized by all nations of this earth.” — Malcolm X

Today, we celebrate an important day in history, Human Rights Day, which the United Nations General Assembly adopted on Dec. 10, 1948. The United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights recognizes the inalienable rights and freedoms of people around the globe, regardless of nationality, gender, ethnicity, religion, or any other such distinction. The declaration is one of the most translated documents around the world — available in more than 500 languages.

Human Rights Day takes on special significance this year as people worldwide confront widespread inequalities and systemic injustices exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

At NAMIC, we are committed to doing our part to make the world a more just place by advocating for diversity, equity, and inclusion in the cable and communications industry and our broader society. We know that we will have succeeded the day organizations like NAMIC are no longer needed. Until then, we will continue using our platform to stand up for people and causes that bring about a more just and equitable society for all people.

We reaffirm our support for human rights today and look forward to the day when every human can freely enjoy equality, dignity, and freedom.