

# GRENADA COUNTY FREEDOM MOVEMENT

REVISED STATEMENT OF DEMANDS  
SEPT. 8, 1966

We, the Negro citizens of Grenada County, Mississippi do hereby present the following revised list of demands to the officials of the City and County of Grenada. These demands are an official statement by the officers and members of the Grenada County Freedom Movement.

We demand that:

1. Enforcement of laws be on a fair and equal basis for all citizens and that
  - a) All harassment arrests be stopped immediately
  - b) All police intimidation be stopped immediately
  - c) All police activity be subject to a citizen review board made up of a balance between the Negro and white citizens of the county.
2. Any and all charges arising out of the civil rights demonstrations be dropped and that the bonds posted in connection with these charges be refunded.
3. Justice be administered on a fair and equal basis
  - a) Negroes be included on the circuit court grand and petit jury panels in proportion to their percentage of the population
  - b) The lower courts (City and J.P. Courts) be made courts of record
  - c) The lower courts be required to advise all defendants as to their right to a jury trial.
  - d) Such lower court juries be empaneled as in the Circuit Court.
  - e) Police officers be required to provide the right of prompt and reasonable communication between arrestees and persons outside of jail.
  - f) Appearance bonds be set in all cases and in all courts in accordance with the offense and the defendants ability to pay.
4. Voting districts be revised to accomodate the newly registered voters.
5. Employment and employment opportunities be on a fair and equal basis in all city and county employment including:
  - a) Police and Sheriff's dept.
  - b) Fire dept.
  - c) City and county clerks
  - d) State employment agency
  - e) Welfare agency
  - f) Hospital and public health center
  - g) Voter registrars, etc.

6. Action be taken to eliminate inequalities in the school system such as providing
  - a) Uniform curricula
  - b) Uniform teacher-student ratios
  - c) Similar equipment and facilities.
7. All principals be included at the budget sessions of the school board.
8. Equitable representation of Negroes (from candidates approved by the GCFM) be included on all civic boards such as
  - a) School board
  - b) Selective service board
  - c) Election board
  - d) Hospital board
  - e) OEO council.
9. Service organizations be desegregated such as
  - a) Chamber of commerce
  - b) Boy and girl scouts
  - c) FFA and 4-H clubs
  - d) Sports organizations (little league etc.).
10. Park and playground facilities be desegregated such as
  - a) Tennis courts
  - b) Basketball courts
  - c) Baseball fields
  - d) Swimming pool.
11. Other city and county facilities be desegregated such as
  - a) Hospital and public health center
  - b) Welfare office
  - c) City and county jail.
12. Courtesy titles of Mr., Mrs., and Miss be used by all city and county employees in dealings with the public.
13. An official statement of compliance with all federal civil rights legislation be issued by the city and county officials and that such statement be released through the local news media.