

## **FANNIE LOU HAMER: ACTIVIST**



Mississippi
Human
Rights
Activist who
fought for
our Right to
Vote

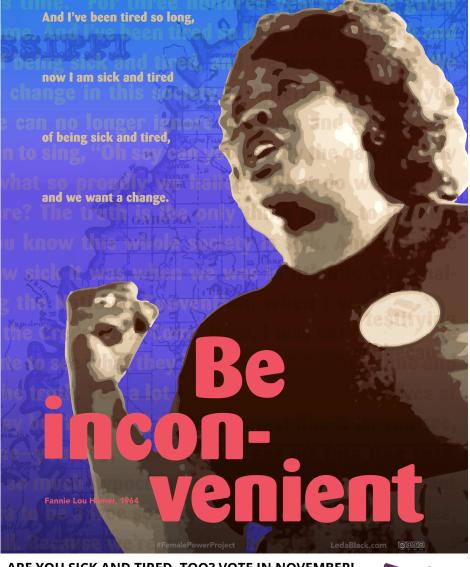
On Oct. 6, 1917, Fannie Lou Hamer (nee Townsend) was born, the youngest of 20 children to sharecropper parents **1961 -** At a Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) meeting she learned she could vote. "They talked about how it was our rights as human beings to register to vote. I never knew we could vote before."

**1962 -** Ms. Hamer led 17 neighbors to the Indianola, MS, courthouse to register to vote. They were unsuccessful due to a rigged literacy test and her employer fired her for trying to register to vote.

1969 - Ms. Hamer launched the Freedom Farm Cooperative (FFC), buying up land that blacks could own and farm collectively.

**March 14, 1977 -** Ms. Hamer died at age 59 after a battle with breast cancer and injuries sustained as an organizer registering Mississippians to Vote.

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## ARE YOU SICK AND TIRED, TOO? VOTE IN NOVEMBER!

Honor the Memory of Fannie Lou Hamer:

- Register to Vote Last day to register to vote is Oct. 5th.
- Encourage family and neighbors to register to vote.
- Go to the Poll on Nov. 3rd and VOTE!

