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# Nov. 4: 50th anniversary of Black Solidarity Day

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# ***BLACK SOLIDARITY DAY***

***50th***

## ***ANNIVERSARY***

**NO WORK \* NO SCHOOL \* NO SHOPPING**

***Monday, November 4, 2019***

***Why Then? / Why Now?***



Dr. Carlos Russell in 1969 said it was necessary to attempt to inject once more into the Black psyche the need of developing solidarity. Thus, an arbitrary day was chosen, November 3, 1969. Why November 3? It was the Monday before the elections and white folks, as usual, had taken Blacks for granted. If Blacks did not work, nor purchase on the day before the election for that matter any day, the economy of this city would have felt the impact of the absence of Black folks.

**Citywide Unity Program / 6:30pm**

**Adam Clayton Powell Jr. State Office Building**

**125th St. & Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Ave.**

**December 12th Movement / Black Solidarity Day Coalition (718) 398-1766**

Monday, November 4, 2019 will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Black Solidarity Day. Our struggle for self-determination continues now. Political activist and organizers are reactivating the spirit of Black Solidarity Day with a call for Black consciousness and unity that's spreading around the country.

Fifty years ago, on November 3, 1969, "A small group of Blacks, acutely aware of what was seemingly the trend of white America to obliterate Black people, decided to attempt to stem the tide. Blacks, they argued, for generations have been struggling for survival primarily on an individual basis, be it as a person or as a group," Dr. Carlos Russell, Founder of Black Solidarity Day, said in a speech in 1971.

"Why not, the group decided, select a day arbitrarily and begin to see if it were possible to move Black people towards the recognition that the enemy was one and that our survival, as a people, depended on operational unity," Dr. Russell explained.

The first Black Solidarity Day, was a nation-wide action by masses of Black people. The demand was for a day of absence. "No Work! No School! No Shopping!" We gathered together in our communities and held political, educational, and cultural forums concerning our collective struggle.

Celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary November 4, 2019

No Work! No School! No Shopping!



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