

15 Minute Moment of Silence Mon. April 4, 2011 @ 12 Noon



SOMETIMES **SILENCE** SAYS IT ALL...

During the Memphis, TN Sanitation Strike of 1968 to demand collective bargaining, the workers carried signs which read, "I AM A MAN". This powerful yet simple message said it all—we *are not less than you. Like you, we have rights.*

Collective bargaining is the demand of all people—black, white, Latino and Asian American—who would *not be pawns* of corporate executives and right-wing politicians: The right to join together for our common dreams, a right denied to many in North Carolina since 1959.

On April 4, 2011 at 12 Noon and for 15 minutes, we will commemorate the assassination in Memphis of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by standing in **total silence** across from the state legislative building while holding similar signs to remind the lawmakers inside that:

We are men and women.

We are workers, taxpayers, and citizens.

WE ARE ONE and WE HAVE RIGHTS!

WHAT: Silent Protest

WHEN: Monday, April 4 at 12 Noon. **Arrive early—11:30 to 11:45—to get your sign and to line up!**

WHERE: Bicentennial Mall in Downtown Raleigh (1 W. Jones St, between the museums).

CONTACT: NC State AFL-CIO: 919.833.6678. **RSVP** at <http://bit.ly/weR1raleigh>

NOTES: **Signs will be provided.** This is a silent protest, not a rally. No props, speeches, or amplification.