

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the month of April is recognized as "Fair Housing Month" in celebration of the passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968; and

WHEREAS, fundamentally, fair housing means that every person can live free; our communities should be open and welcoming, and free from housing discrimination and hostility; it also means that each person, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, and disability, has access to neighborhoods of opportunity, where children can attend quality schools, our environment allows us to be healthy, and economic opportunities and self-sufficiency can grow; and

WHEREAS, the enactment of the federal Fair Housing Act on April 11, 1968 came only after a long and difficult journey; Congress had regularly considered the fair housing bill for two years, but failed to garner a majority for its passage; however, when Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968, President Lyndon Johnson utilized this national tragedy to advocate for the bill's speedy Congressional approval; and

WHEREAS, today, we are still fighting for proper enforcement of this non-discrimination policy; Allegheny County will continue to work with our federal, state, and local governments to uphold the standards of the Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is committed to providing safe, affordable, and fair housing to our residents; through the work of the Allegheny County Housing Authority and the Allegheny County Human Relations Commission, we will work to continue to ensure the protection of fair housing rights for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim April 2015 as "Fair Housing Month" in Allegheny County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 1st day of April, 2015.

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