



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago finds that decent, safe, and affordable housing is part of the American dream and a goal of all Chicago residents; and

WHEREAS, individuals in the City of Chicago have the right to choose where to live without discrimination based on race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, disability, age (40 and over), sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, parental status, military discharge status, and source of income; and

WHEREAS, acts of housing discrimination and barriers to equal housing opportunity are repugnant to a common sense of decency and fairness; and

WHEREAS, federal and state laws, as well as the Chicago Fair Housing Ordinance affirm the right of every person to equal housing opportunity; and

WHEREAS, fair housing is essential to developing and sustaining good communities; and

WHEREAS, economic stability, community health, and human relations in all communities and the City of Chicago are improved by diversity and integration; and

WHEREAS, stable, integrated, and balanced residential patterns are threatened by discriminatory acts and unlawful housing practices that result in segregation of residents and opportunities in our city; and

WHEREAS, the talents of grassroots and non-profit organizations, housing service providers, financial institutions, elected officials, city government, and others must be combined to promote and preserve integration, fair housing, and equal opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago, through its Commission on Human Relations vigorously enforces the Chicago Fair Housing Ordinance to address discriminatory activity, and individuals or families who believe they have been victims of housing discrimination in Chicago are encouraged to file complaints with the Commission on Human Relations:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO do hereby proclaim the month of April 2013 to be FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN CHICAGO and encourage appropriate activities by private and public entities to foster and advocate for integration and equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of Chicago.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2013.

Mayor