



# Allegheny County Council

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## Legislation Text

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Title...

Proclamation naming the month of April 2015 as “Fair Housing Month” in Allegheny County.

Body...

WHEREAS, the 1968 Fair Housing Act guarantees the right of all Americans, regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status, or disability, to live in the neighborhoods of their choice and is one of the most important components of our national civil rights policy; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County has expanded the protected classes to additionally include ancestry or place of birth, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, use of a guide or support animal because of blindness or because the user is a handler or trainer of support of guide animals, or deafness or physical disability of any individual or independent contractor or because of the disability of an individual with whom the person is known to have an association; and

WHEREAS, although this non-discrimination policy is the law of the land, we must recognize that proper enforcement requires the continued cooperation of all levels of government, the real estate and homebuilding industries, and private citizens; and

WHEREAS, throughout Allegheny County, the spirit of collaboration is evident through the efforts of our federal, state, and local governments and with the support of countless community and nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, this County dedicates itself to promoting equal housing opportunity as an essential part of its larger mission of endorsing justice in all areas of life for all citizens; Allegheny County ensures its communities are open to all people, and citizens may exercise freedom to choose where they live; and

WHEREAS, the month of April is set aside to acknowledge the 47th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and the work of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Human Relations Commission of the County of Allegheny, the Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations, and the Fair Housing Partnership of Greater Pittsburgh, which ensure the protection of fair housing rights;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council hereby proclaims April 2015 as “Fair Housing Month” in Allegheny County. This Council recognizes that everyone shares in the future of this great nation and thanks the Fair Housing Act for reminding citizens to not take these freedoms for granted.