

WHEREAS, it is Ohio law to provide fair housing opportunities statewide regardless of race or color, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), nationality/national origin, ancestry, religion, military service, family status, or disability; and

WHEREAS, April 11, 2023, marks the 55th anniversary of the U.S. Congress passing Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Fair Housing Act), as amended, which strengthened national policies around fair housing; and

WHEREAS, the state of Ohio is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, Ohio joins the federal government in educating local governments, community leaders, realty companies, and housing associations on fair housing laws and policies to reduce the number of incidents of housing discrimination and fair housing law violations; and

WHEREAS, Ohio joins the federal government in encouraging local authorities to intensify their efforts to further the purpose of the federal Fair Housing Amendment Act of 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Housing Finance Agency, the Ohio Department of Commerce, and the Ohio Department of Development continue to use federal and state resources to provide Ohioans with safe, quality, and affordable places to call home;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize April 2023 as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

on this 1st day of April 2023

Mike DeWine Governor Jon Husted Lieutenant Governor