

In the Name and by the Authority of CHE STATE OF

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

WHEREAS, April 11, 2025, marks the 57th 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 works to educate 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 encouraging local authorities to increase 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 Jim Tressel, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize April 2025 as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

on this 1st day of April 2025.

Mike DeWine Governor Jim Tressel Lieutenant Governor