



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act, which outlined a national policy of fair housing for all who live in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act of 1968 prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, and national origin; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Fair Housing Act of 1983 further prohibits these types of discrimination in housing to ensure that all people in our state are afforded the right to live in communities without the fear of disparate treatment; and

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

WHEREAS, national and state organizations such as the National Association of REALTORS® and NC REALTORS® have an ethical commitment to fair housing, which is critical to the ability of all real estate professionals to serve their clients, customers, and communities; and

WHEREAS, the REALTOR® Code of Ethics expands upon the tenets of the Fair Housing Act by also prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1921, NC REALTORS® and its more than 43,000 members statewide protect the rights of all North Carolinians from acts of housing discrimination and continue to fight to break down barriers to equal housing opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins NC REALTORS® in commending all the real estate professionals of our state for their ongoing work to uphold the Fair Housing Act, and to ensure that North Carolina remains an inclusive community committed to fair housing for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2018, as a day **“IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT”** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fourteenth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.