

## State of North Carolina

## **ROY COOPER**

**GOVERNOR** 

**FAIR HOUSING MONTH** 

2019

## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

## **A PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Fair Housing Month is celebrated each April across the United States, and this year marks the 51st anniversary of the enactment of the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on "race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin"; and

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

WHEREAS, every American has the right to live with dignity in any area they desire without fear of discrimination, and should be guaranteed state and federal protection against discrimination in the sale and rental of housing; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all homeowners, realtors, landlords, property managers, homebuyers, and tenants receive proper education regarding their rights and responsibilities under federal and state fair housing laws; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is committed to addressing discrimination in our communities, supporting programs that educate the public about the right to equal housing opportunities, and planning partnership efforts with other organizations to help assure every American of their right to fair housing; and

WHEREAS, Fair Housing Month is an opportunity for all North Carolinians to recommit ourselves to maintaining our state as an inclusive community committed to fair housing; the State of North Carolina encourages appropriate activities by private and public entities intended to provide or advocate for equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2019, as "FAIR HOUSING MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

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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 twenty-fifth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.