



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, April 2013 marks the forty-fifth anniversary of the enactment of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, the Federal Fair Housing Law; and

WHEREAS, this anniversary is an occasion for all citizens, individually and collectively, to participate in efforts to eliminate vestiges of housing discrimination wherever they exist; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees for each citizen that critical personal element of freedom of choice in the selection of their home; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Housing Assistance Council, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Mortgage Bankers Association, National Association of Counties, National Association of Home Builders, National Association of Realtors, National Council of State Housing Agencies, National Housing Conference, National League of Cities, National Low-Income Housing Coalition, and United States Conference of Mayors are united in an effort to raise public awareness of the importance of affordable housing and community development programs and resources; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Tennessee Human Rights Commission are authorized to enforce fair housing laws and provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal; and

WHEREAS, even forty-five years after his death the dream shared by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that all men would be created equal continues to be a hope and a standard to live by; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizens can ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all; and

WHEREAS, fair housing is the policy of the State of Tennessee, and implementation of that policy requires providing for inclusive housing opportunities regardless of race, color, religion, sex, familial status and national origin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, as Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2013 as

Fair Housing Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this third day of April, 2013.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Sue Hargett in blue ink.

Secretary of State

