



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, April marks the forty-sixth anniversary of the enactment of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, also known as the Federal Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, this anniversary is an occasion for all citizens to rededicate themselves 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 U.S. 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 US 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, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizens will 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, disability, color, religion, sex, familial status and national origin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2014, 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 thirteenth day of February, 2014.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink.

Secretary of State