

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation CP15-0200 Recognizing April 2015 as “Fair Housing Month”

WHEREAS, 2015 marks the 47th anniversary of the passage of the Federal Fair Housing Act: Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended; and

WHEREAS, through the Civil Rights Act, the Colorado Fair Housing law, and Denver’s housing law guarantee that housing throughout Denver, Colorado and United States should be made available to all citizens without regard to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, familial status, marital status, sexual orientation ancestry and creed, military status, or physical or mental disability; and

WHEREAS, Denver Metro Fair Housing Center has continued to conduct investigations into fair housing compliance by housing providers throughout the Metro Denver Area; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Metro Fair Housing Center has uncovered housing discrimination, as evidenced by 5 successful settlements and conciliation agreements in 2014 and 2015 based on these investigations; and

WHEREAS, evidence in Denver Metro Fair Housing Center’s 2014 report, “Access Denied” shows that people of color and families with children in Denver are still discriminated against at a very high rate: **the investigation found African Americans encounter discrimination 67 percent of the time in their search for rental housing, Latinos encounter discrimination 91 percent of the time, and households without children in the home were treated more favorably than those with children 73 percent of the time;** and

WHEREAS, illegal barriers to equal opportunity in housing, no matter how subtle, diminish the rights of all; and

WHEREAS, only with the cooperation, commitment and support from all residents of the City and County of Denver can barriers to the enjoyment of housing choice and other aspects of equality of opportunity for all be removed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the City and County of Denver shares the vision for equal housing opportunities for all residents and hereby joins in the national celebration by proclaiming **APRIL, 2015 as “FAIR HOUSING MONTH”**.

Section 2. That the Denver City Council hereby recognizes the Denver Metro Fair Housing Center as a vital community resource for their work to promote fair housing choice and eliminate barriers to housing opportunities.

Section 3. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to the Denver Metro Fair Housing Center.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL April 6, 2015

PRESIDENT