



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, April 2015 marks the 47th anniversary of the Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, the Federal Fair Housing Act, which provides equal opportunity for all Americans in the sale, rental, and financing of housing and prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, and national origin; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 added familial status and handicap to those classes protected by Title VIII and added strong new rights, remedies, monetary penalties, and judicial and administrative enforcements procedures; and

WHEREAS, Nevada state law also prohibits discrimination on the basis of ancestry, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression; and

WHEREAS, it is the solemn and sworn duty of government at all levels to defend the rights of all citizens and oppose housing discrimination whenever and wherever it occurs; and

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

WHEREAS, the Silver State Fair Housing Council actively works to ensure equal housing opportunities for all people in Nevada to freely choose where they want and can afford to live; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada supports the efforts of Silver State Fair Housing Council and all other agencies pursuing fair housing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim April 2015 as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 16th day of March, 2015.

By the Governor:

Governor

Barbara K. Ceganske
Secretary of State

By _____

Deputy