



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, this year marks the 48th 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 enforcement procedures; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada supports the efforts of the Silver State Fair Housing Council, as it actively works to ensure equal housing opportunities for all people in Nevada to freely choose where they want and can afford to live, with appreciation for the committed advocates working to promote fairness, justice, and equality in Nevada's communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2016, as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN NEVADA



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 31st day of March, 2016.

By the Governor:

Governor

Barbara K. Cegavske
Secretary of State

By

W. G. Thibault

Deputy