

RESOLUTION

Proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month and April 24, 2003 as Fair Housing Day in Cuyahoga County.

WHEREAS, an important goal of our government is to eliminate housing discrimination and assure the rights of every citizen to buy, rent and sell housing without regard to race, color, sex, religion, familial status, national origin or handicap, as guaranteed both by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 as amended, and the laws of the State of Ohio.

WHEREAS, the policy and intent of the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, in favor of Fair and Equal Opportunity in Housing in the County was declared in its resolution #931337 dated April 5th, 1979.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, unanimously adopted resolution #605318 which urged every local government to “work cooperatively in affirmatively furthering fair housing,” and lent its full support to “the prosecution of any acts of racial intimidation, harassment or violence and affirmed the civil rights of every home seeker and resident of Cuyahoga County”.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, has united with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, the Greater Cleveland Round Table and the Federal Reserve Bank to sponsor the Residential Mortgage Project, whose mission is to eliminate discrimination in the home buying process.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, have taken the lead in bringing together the Cuyahoga County Entitlement Group of: Cuyahoga Urban County, City of Cleveland, City of Cleveland Heights, City of East Cleveland, City of Euclid, City of Lakewood and the City of Parma to undertake and collaborate on an Analysis of Impediment to Fair Housing Choice, a first in Ohio.

WHEREAS, predatory lending has permeated our area causing many senior citizens and other homeowners to lose their homes through mortgage foreclosure.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, adopted a Resolution on October 10, 2000, proclaiming predatory lending in mortgage loan markets an urgent and serious threat.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, reaffirms its commitment to open housing and equal housing opportunity for all citizens in the County, and hereby indicate its commitment by declaring April as Fair Housing Month, and Thursday, April 24, 2003 as Fair Housing Day in Cuyahoga County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that every agency of local government is encouraged to join the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, in lending its support of the prosecution of any acts of racial intimidation, harassment or violence; and affirmation of the civil rights of every home seeker and resident of Cuyahoga County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, urge every local government to work cooperatively in affirmatively furthering fair housing as called for by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and the 1988 Fair Housing Amendments Act as passed on March 12, 1989.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is hereby instructed to transmit one copy of this resolution to each of the mayors of the municipalities, villages and townships within Cuyahoga County; one copy of this resolution to Tracey Nichols, Acting Director, Department of Development and one copy to Dorinda Ivory, Housing Development Specialist.

On Motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner McCormack,
the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Jones, McCormack, Dimora.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

**Penelope M. Hughes,
Clerk of the Board pro tem**

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