

RESOLUTION 071601

Resolution No. 071601 Proclaiming the month of April 2007 as Fair Housing Month and April 24, 2007 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 Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners in favor of Fair and Equal Opportunity in Housing in the County was declared in its resolution #931337 dated April 5th, 1979.

WHEREAS, on January 31, 1986, the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners, and Cuyahoga County, Ohio, unanimously and passed 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 homeseeker and resident of Cuyahoga County”.

WHEREAS, the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners, in 1996 took the lead in establishing the Cuyahoga County Entitlement Group represented by: Cuyahoga 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, the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners, initiated Cuyahoga County’s Foreclosure Prevention Program in partnership with United Way’s First Call for Help using the 211 help line to assist homeowners who are facing foreclosure, are in need of financial counseling, or have other homeownership related questions. The County’s Foreclosure Prevention Program is a collaborative effort between a coalition of organizations who have joined together to prevent predatory lending in Cuyahoga County.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners reaffirms its commitment to open housing and equal housing opportunity for all citizens in the County, and hereby indicate its commitment by declaring the month of April 2007 as Fair Housing Month and April 24, 2007 as Fair Housing Day in Cuyahoga County.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners and 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 12th, 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 to Paul Oyaski, Director of the Department of Development and Dorinda Miller, Housing Development Specialist.

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

Ayes: Jones, Dimora, Hagan.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

Jeanne M. Schmotzer,
Clerk of the Board

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