

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, O'Fallon finds that decent and safe housing is part of the American dream and a goal of all Illinois residents; and

WHEREAS, individuals in the State of Illinois have the right to choose where to live without discrimination based on race, color, religion, age (40 and over), sex (including sexual harassment and pregnancy), familial status, marital status, national origin/ancestry, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, military status, unfavorable military discharge and order of protection status; and

WHEREAS, acts of housing discrimination and barriers to equal housing opportunity are repugnant to a common sense of decency and fairness; and

WHEREAS, federal and state laws affirm the right of every person to equal housing opportunity; and

WHEREAS, fair housing is a positive community good; and

WHEREAS, economic stability, community health, and human relations in all communities and the State of Illinois are improved by diversity and integration; and

WHEREAS, stable, integrated, and balanced residential patterns are threatened by discriminatory acts and unlawful housing practices that result in segregation of residents and opportunities in our region; and

WHEREAS, the talents of grassroots and non-profit organizations, housing service providers, financial institutions, elected officials, state agencies, and others must be combined to promote and preserve integration, fair housing, and equal opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary L. Graham, Mayor of the City of O'Fallon, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2013 as "National Fair Housing Month" in O'Fallon to establish O'Fallon as an open and inclusive community committed to fair housing and to promote appropriate activities by private and public entities intended to provide or advocate for integration and equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of O'Fallon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have affixed the Official Seal of the City of O'Fallon on March 1, 2013.

APPROVED BY:



Gary L. Graham, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:



Philip A. Goodwin, City Clerk

