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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Village of Wilmette finds that decent, safe, and affordable housing is part of the American Dream and a goal of all Illinois residents; and

WHEREAS, individuals have the right to choose where to live without discrimination based on race, color, religion, age, gender, familial status, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or disability; 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 are improved by diversity; 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 fair housing and equal opportunity,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Christopher S. Canning, President of the Village of Wilmette, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2013 as **National Fair Housing Month** in the Village of Wilmette and proclaim Wilmette as an open and inclusive community, committed to equal housing opportunities for existing and prospective residents.

Dated this 26th day of March, 2013.





Christopher S. Canning
Village President