

STATE OF OHIO  
**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, THE STRENGTH OF OUR NATION, THE STATE OF OHIO AND ITS MUNICIPALITIES, FLOWS FROM THE PROMISES OF INDIVIDUAL EQUALITY AND FREEDOM OF CHOICE; AND

WHEREAS, THE MONTH OF APRIL MARKS THE NINETEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT OF 1968, A LAW WHICH GUARANTEES FOR EACH CITIZEN THE PERSONAL ELEMENT OF FREEDOM OF CHOICE IN THE SALE, RENTAL OR FINANCING OF DWELLINGS AVAILABLE TO THEM; AND

WHEREAS, FAIR HOUSING IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE OF OHIO; IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS POLICY REQUIRES THE POSITIVE COMMITMENT, INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT OF EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT AND EACH ONE OF OUR CITIZENS; AND

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN THE EFFORT TO MAKE FAIR HOUSING NOT JUST AN IDEA, BUT A REALITY FOR ALL OUR CITIZENS; AND

WHEREAS, IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STATE OF OHIO AND ITS LOCALITIES TO PROVIDE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL OHIOANS - REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE AND/OR HANDICAP;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. CELESTE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OHIO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1987 AS

**"FAIR HOUSING MONTH"**

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF OHIO, AND URGE ALL OHIOANS TO JOIN IN REAFFIRMING THE OBLIGATION AND COMMITMENT TO FAIR HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE  
HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND  
CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE  
STATE OF OHIO TO BE AFFIXED AT  
COLUMBUS, THIS 25TH DAY OF  
MARCH, ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN.

*Richard F. Celeste*

RICHARD F. CELESTE  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OHIO

ATTEST:

*Sherrod Brown*

SHERROD BROWN  
SECRETARY OF STATE