



Legislation Text

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To recognize April 2021 as National Fair Housing Month and to Commend the Columbus Realtist Association for their Efforts to Promote Housing Equality

WHEREAS, Fair Housing Month commemorates the passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Fair Housing Act was to put an end to inequities within the housing system and eliminate racial segregation in American neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the law prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of housing, and requires Federal, State, and local governments to proactively dismantle the discriminatory structures that hold back people of color and underserved populations from equitable access to the neighborhoods of their choice; and

WHEREAS, today, Columbus, Ohio continues to grapple with the immense wealth gap that promotes social, racial, and economic disparities across neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Realtist Association is a local chapter of The National Association of Real Estate Brokers, Inc, the oldest and largest African-American trade organization in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Realtist organization is open to qualified practitioners of all races who are interested in achieving the ideals of "Democracy in Housing"; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Realtist Association is the only local professional organization in the field of real estate that is qualified and capable of addressing, articulating, and resolving the many problems encountered by minority home seekers in their quest for adequate and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Realtist Association is committed to securing equal opportunity for all, as well as providing encouragement to those whose housing needs have yet to be realized; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Realtist Association will continue to pave the way for all home seekers to be adequately housed and to make our city an even better place in which to live.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby, recognize April 2021 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Columbus and commends the Columbus Realtist Association for their efforts to promote housing equality.