

STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

An essential aspect of the foundation of our nation is our unyielding desire to uphold the ideal of equality. In support of this important value, we must continue to push back against the discrimination and biases that compromise our commitment to ensuring equal opportunity for all, including unfortunate barriers to fairness in housing in our country.

In 1968, President Lyndon Baines Johnson, a proud Texan, signed the Fair Housing Act into law. This landmark legislation was designed to protect an individual's ability to own or rent property free from discrimination. Texas further committed to protecting this basic right in 1989 by passing the Texas Fair Housing Act, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, family status, or disability.

These acts were created with a noble goal in mind: affording all Americans the opportunity to pursue their own American Dream and seek the housing of their choice. If Texas is to remain the best state in the country to live, work, and raise a family, then access to housing must remain a priority.

Each year the month of April is dedicated to reaffirming our commitment to equal opportunity in housing. Our great state will continue to advance the cause of liberty and justice for those seeking a better life for themselves and their families.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to support fair housing practices so we may build a better future for Texas and everyone who calls it home.


Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 2021 to be

## Fair Housing Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

  
Governor of Texas