Commissioners' Office, Lake County
Painesville, OH, April 28, 2015

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, met this day in regular session with the following members present:

Commissioners: Troy, Malecek, and Moran

Commissioner Moran presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 2015 FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, 2015 marks the 47th Anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, the effort to create equal housing opportunities for all people is encouraged at every level of government; and

WHEREAS, it is an important goal of our government to eliminate housing discrimination and assure the rights of every citizen to buy, rent, and sell housing, without regard to race, color, sex, religion, familial status, national origin or disability; and

WHEREAS, it continues to be a requirement that jurisdictions and agencies in receipt of federal funds, particularly Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Program (CDBG/HOME) from U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) execute the planning and implementation of such grant funds in a manner to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH) by virtue of the Civil Rights Act and Executive Order 12892; and

WHEREAS, the HUD guidance calls upon jurisdictions to identify barriers to fair housing and to take actions that eliminate them through a synchronized assessment and investment process thus fostering open inclusive communities for all people; and

WHEREAS, this Board shares the AFFH obligation with all potential recipients of CDBG/HOME funds by the required inclusion of their statement that all policies and practices in place are in conformance with applicable fair housing law and that prior to May 16, 2014 any outstanding civil rights matters are resolved per HUD Docket No. FR-5800-N-01 Section III-C.2b ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION-Threshold Requirements; and

WHEREAS, the County's residents will be accorded an enhanced quality of life through the development of opportunities in housing, employment, education by the implementation of plans and partnership efforts to assure every person is afforded their rights.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution becomes a part of the permanent record of the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, and this Board reaffirms its commitment to open housing and equal housing opportunity for all persons in the County, and hereby declares April 2015 as Fair Housing Month in Lake County, Ohio, to begin a year-long commemoration of the Federal Fair Housing Act in Lake County. We urge all citizens to wholeheartedly embrace this celebration throughout the year so that the mission of the Fair Housing Resource Center, Inc. and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development can be furthered by creating equal opportunities in every community and the residents in Lake County can live free from housing discrimination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Lake County Auditor, Budget Director; Jason W. Boyd, County Administrator; and to Marian Norman, HOME Program Manager, and Rhea Benton, CDBG Manager, Office of Planning and Community Development.

Commissioner Malecek seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Malecek, and Moran

"NAYS": None

Resolution adopted,
Amy Elszasz, Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Amy Elszasz duly appointed Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on April 28, 2015, and recorded in the Commissioners' Journal, Volume 2015.

WITNESS my hand this twenty-eighth day of April, 2015, in Painesville, Ohio.

Amy Elszasz, Clerk
Board of Commissioners, in and
for Lake County, Ohio

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