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Lake County Commissioners Proclaim April “Fair Housing Month”

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, April 17, 2025— April 2025 marks the 57th anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act; commonly referred to as The Fair Housing Act of 1968. At today’s Commissioner’s meeting, the Board of Lake County Commissioners proclaimed April 2025 “Fair Housing Month” in Lake County, Ohio.

"Despite recent challenges, including the unexpected cancellation of critical Fair Housing grants, we are heartened by the Board of Lake County Commissioners’ continued recognition of April as Fair Housing Month. This proclamation is more than symbolic—it’s a public reaffirmation that our community values equity, justice, and the right of every person to live free from housing discrimination. At a time when Fair Housing organizations across the country are facing devastating funding cuts, this kind of local leadership sends a powerful message of support and commitment to civil rights," said Fair Housing Resource Center Executive Director, Patricia Kidd, Esq.



From the left: Commissioner John T. Plecnik, David Radachy, Rhea Benton, Commissioners Richard J. Regovich and Morris W. Beverage III.

It is essential to allow individuals and families, across a wide spectrum of race, ethnicities and disabilities, to have a choice in the selection of schools, access to job opportunities, and the ability to engage as equal members of their community.

"We call upon all citizens of Lake County to engage in this celebration by raising awareness about the significant benefits provided by the CDBG/HOME Programs, which support local communities as grantees of federal funds. We encourage residents to seize this opportunity to learn about their rights and options in securing fair housing," said Commission President Richard J. Regovich.

"This month and every month, the Fair Housing Resource Center continuously works to ensure everyone has a free and fair housing choice. We appreciate and are grateful for all the work done by the Fair Housing Resource Center," said Commissioner John T. Plecnik.

"Fair housing is an important factor of community not only here in Lake County, but all over the country, and I am proud to support Fair Housing Month," said Commissioner Morris W. Beverage III.

Visit <https://fhrc.org/> for more information about fair housing.

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