



RESOLUTION NO. 24-13

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, on April 11, 1968, the landmark Fair Housing Act was signed into law and April is now recognized as National Fair Housing Month; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Fair Housing Act is to protect against discrimination in housing because of race or color, national origin, religion, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, and familial status; and

WHEREAS, despite of the passage of the Fair Housing Act over 56 years ago, the legacy of past discrimination means that a large part of our nation's population still does not enjoy the substantial benefits of home ownership and still does not have access to safe, healthy, and affordable rental housing; and

WHEREAS, unlawful discrimination based on race or color, national origin, religion, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, and familial status appears to be on the rise in our state and nation, making it more difficult for the very persons the Fair Housing Act was designed to protect to find safe, healthy, and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, Harris County Housing Authority (HCHA) applauds the goals embodied in the Fair Housing Act and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's efforts under that law to remedy the effects of past wrongs and promote the goal of equitable access to safe, healthy, and affordable housing for all, and especially for those protected by the Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, HCHA supports the goals of the Fair Housing Act, not just during the month of April but throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Harris County Housing Authority declares that safe, healthy, and affordable housing is a right all should enjoy and fully supports and promotes the goals and ideals of the Fair Housing Act and celebrates April as National Fair Housing Month.

PASSED, by the Board of Commissioners this 17th day of April 2024.

Chairman:

Gerald Womack

Secretary:

Melissa Quijano