State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Jack Dalrymple
Governor

PROCLAMATION
FAIR HOUSING MONTH
APRIL 2013

WHEREAS, April marks the 45th anniversary of the signing of the federal Fair Housing Act by President Lyndon B. Johnson; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota law has prohibited discrimination in housing since 1983, and North Dakota passed the 1999 Housing Discrimination Act authorizing the Department of Labor to investigate complaints alleging discriminatory housing practices; and

WHEREAS, equal opportunity for all - regardless of race, color, age, religion, sex, disability, familial status, national origin, marital or public assistance status - is a fundamental goal of our state law; and

WHEREAS, access to housing of an individual's choice is an important quality of life issue because where we live determines where our children go to school and what cultural benefits we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the state of North Dakota continues to work to eliminate discrimination in housing and to provide citizens with the opportunity to live in safe and affordable housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2013, **FAIR HOUSING MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

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