



# PROCLAMATION

## National Fair Housing Month April 2021



**WHEREAS**, the City of DeKalb finds that safe and affordable housing is part of the American dream and a goal of all Illinois residents; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals in the State of Illinois have the right to choose where to live, purchase or rent property without discrimination based on race, color, religion, age, sex, familial status, marital status, national origin/ancestry, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, military status, unfavorable military discharge, and order of protection status; and

**WHEREAS**, federal and state laws affirm the right of every person to equal housing opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, fair housing is a positive community good; and

**WHEREAS**, economic stability, community health, and human relations in all communities and the State of Illinois are improved by diversity and integration; and

**WHEREAS**, the talents of non-profit organizations, housing service providers, financial institutions, elected officials, state agencies, and others must be combined to promote and preserve integration, fair housing, and equal opportunity.

**WHEREAS**, REALTORS® locally and nationally pledge to provide equal professional service without regard to the race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin of any prospective client, customer, or of the residents of any community.

**WHEREAS**, REALTORS® locally and nationally pledge to affirmatively pursue business practices that will ensure that everyone is welcome and no one is excluded.

**WHEREAS**, REALTORS® locally and nationally have incorporated affirmative fair housing practices into the REALTOR® code of ethics by which all REALTORS® must abide.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City of DeKalb, Illinois does hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 as "NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH" to establish our community as an open and inclusive community committed to fair housing and to promote appropriate activities by private and public entities intended to provide or advocate for integration and equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of our County.



**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

  
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JERRY SMITH, Mayor