



STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

In 1968, President Lyndon Baines Johnson, a Texan, signed the Fair Housing Act into law. This landmark legislation sought to protect individuals' ability to own or rent property free from discrimination. In 1989, Texas solidified its commitment to this basic right by passing the Texas Fair Housing Act, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, family status or disability.

These acts were conceived with a noble goal in mind: affording all Americans the opportunity to pursue their American Dream and seek the housing of their choice. Texans truly know the meaning of diversity and understand that our differences make us stronger, not weaker.

Each year, the month of April is dedicated to reaffirming our commitment to equality of opportunity in the housing industry.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to support fair housing practices so we can build an even brighter future for this great state that we call home.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 2017 to be

## Fair Housing Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature this the  
14th day of March, 2017.

  
Governor of Texas