

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, in honor of the *51st Anniversary* of the signing of Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act, also known as the **Fair Housing Act**, April is designated as *Fair Housing Month* to bring attention to the landmark legislation that has guaranteed fair housing and equal opportunity for our nation's citizens concerning the sale, rental, and financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin, handicap, and sex, enabling individuals to live free and in communities open and welcoming to everyone; and

WHEREAS, providing fair housing opportunities for all citizens is an essential goal of the City of Tampa, and it joins with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, concerned citizens, and the housing industry in working to realize the dream of fair and affordable housing for all city residents, and in celebration of the passage of the Fair Housing Act because diverse communities make all Americans stronger to live in healthy, robust neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is proud of its efforts to further fair housing and recognizes that this can only be accomplished through forging partnerships with other governmental agencies, corporations, for profit and non-profit organizations, entrepreneurs, and all persons interested in furthering fair housing, and the City of Tampa Office of Human Rights has worked for more than forty years to advance the enjoyment of housing opportunities by enforcing local, state and federal anti-discrimination laws, and it constantly improves and refines its commitment to fair and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Fair Housing Consortium, Inc., whose mission includes affirmatively furthering fair housing through quality fair housing education and outreach programs, is hosting a *Fair Housing Symposium* in celebration of Fair Housing Month on Friday, April 26, 2019, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Tampa, Florida, and the one-day event features the theme *Strengthening Diversity in our Communities*, and includes workshops, a panel discussion, and Implicit Bias and Fair Housing 101 training for all attendees; and

WHEREAS, by supporting, promoting and enforcing fair housing laws, as well as equal opportunity, we are contributing to the quality of our city, state, and nation by encouraging others to abide by the letter and the spirit of the federal Fair Housing Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2019 as

“FAIR HOUSING MONTH”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to observe this month by preserving and promoting each person's right to housing choice within their means without regard to their status, to celebrate the Fair Housing Act that protects these rights under the law, and to recognize the right of all persons to live in a strong, sustainable, and inclusive community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 12th day of February, 2019.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

