

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 250306)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing April 2025 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Philadelphia and celebrating the passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

WHEREAS, The Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, was signed into law April 11, 1968, by President Lyndon B. Johnson; and

WHEREAS, The Act prohibits the discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin, sex, and familial status, continuing to serve as a cornerstone of the nation's civil rights protections; and

WHEREAS, Passage of the Fair Housing Act was a pivotal moment in the Civil Rights Movement, and the Act continues to address the ongoing systemic discrimination in housing that has long plagued America's society; and

WHEREAS, The National Fair Housing Alliance's most recent report documented the highest number of fair housing complaints on record, emphasizing the continued importance of the Fair Housing Act in combating discrimination in housing; and

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia is committed to empowering its residents, City employees, public housing authorities, and nonprofit organizations with the knowledge, tools, resources to recognize and combat housing discrimination; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations has been fighting housing discrimination since 1952 and continues to be a critical partner in fair housing by enforcing the Fair Practices Ordinance, the City's anti-discrimination law; and

WHEREAS, National Fair Housing Month serves as a reminder of the importance of equal access and fair housing for all, and it is now more than ever the time to commit to promoting inclusive communities and fighting housing discrimination at the local and state level; and

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WHEREAS, This resolution reaffirms the City of Philadelphia's commitment to uphold the virtue of the Fair Housing Act; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby recognizes April 2025 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Philadelphia and celebrating the passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the third day of April, 2025.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Landau for Council President Johnson

Sponsored by: Council President Johnson, Councilmembers Landau, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Gauthier, Thomas, Jones, Landau, Lozada, Young, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Bass, and Ahmad