
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 262 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY BULLOCK, HENNESSEY, YOUNGBLOOD, DONATUCCI,
BIZZARRO, SOLOMON, CALTAGIRONE, MILLARD, FREEMAN, HILL-EVANS,
KINSEY, V. BROWN, DIGIROLAMO, NEILSON, SCHWEYER AND O'BRIEN,
APRIL 18, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 18, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of April 2017 as "Fair Housing Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The 2017 Fair Housing and Reentry Symposium, slated
4 for April 28, 2017, at the Community College of Philadelphia, is
5 highlighting Federal guidance on the reentry population for
6 professionals in related fields, including criminal justice,
7 human services and real estate; and

8 WHEREAS, Legislators, State and local government agencies,
9 developers, lenders, service providers, nonprofit organizations
10 and advocacy organizations are stakeholders, along with
11 homeowners and home seekers in neighborhoods throughout our
12 nation, in the development of safe, affordable and comprehensive
13 housing planning and policy; and

14 WHEREAS, The Fair Housing Act instituted Federal enforcement
15 of integration and equal opportunity in housing and has ensured
16 progress in fair housing for decades; and

1 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Housing and Urban
2 Development is advancing housing choice and offering
3 homelessness assistance and disaster recovery assistance in
4 communities nationwide; and

5 WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Regional Office and Pittsburgh
6 Field Office coordinate United States Department of Housing and
7 Urban Development programs in this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, The Department of Human Services administers the
9 Homeless Assistance Program in counties throughout this
10 Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, The Fair Housing Rights Center in Southeastern
12 Pennsylvania addresses housing discrimination and access to
13 housing resources in neighborhoods throughout Montgomery County
14 and greater Philadelphia; and

15 WHEREAS, Fair housing planning includes alleviating the
16 causes of homelessness, improving the supply of affordable
17 housing and ensuring compliance with accessibility guidelines;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Fair housing planning includes integrated supportive
20 housing projects for certain target groups, including persons
21 with HIV/AIDS, persons with chronic mental illness or persons in
22 recovery from addiction; and

23 WHEREAS, Federal guidance on application of the Fair Housing
24 Act and proposed State legislation amending The Landlord and
25 Tenant Act of 1951 prohibit the use of arrest records or
26 criminal background disclosure as a basis for exclusion of
27 housing applicants; and

28 WHEREAS, Resolution of housing discrimination complaints is a
29 continuing imperative of fair housing enforcement in this
30 Commonwealth and beyond; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
2 month of April 2017 as "Fair Housing Month" in Pennsylvania.