
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 777 Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY BULLOCK, POLINCHOCK, KORTZ, KINSEY, DONATUCCI,
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BROOKS, YOUNGBLOOD, NEILSON, ULLMAN, CONKLIN, McCLINTON,
McCARTER AND ROEBUCK, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of April 2020 as "Fair Housing Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Every individual has a right to live in housing that
4 they choose, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national
5 origin, disability or familial status; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Health and Human
7 Services designates April each year as "Fair Housing Month"; and

8 WHEREAS, The Fair Housing Act instituted Federal enforcement
9 of integration and equal opportunity in housing and has ensured
10 progress in fair housing for decades; and

11 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Housing and Urban
12 Development is advancing housing choice and offering
13 homelessness assistance and disaster recovery assistance in
14 communities nationwide; and

15 WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Regional Office and Pittsburgh
16 Field Office coordinate United States Department of Housing and
17 Urban Development programs in this Commonwealth; and

1 WHEREAS, The Department of Human Services administers the
2 Homeless Assistance Program in counties throughout this
3 Commonwealth; and

4 WHEREAS, The Fair Housing Rights Center in Southeastern
5 Pennsylvania addresses housing discrimination and access to
6 housing resources in neighborhoods throughout Montgomery County
7 and greater Philadelphia; and

8 WHEREAS, Fair housing planning includes alleviating the
9 causes of homelessness, improving the supply of affordable
10 housing and ensuring compliance with accessibility guidelines;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Fair housing and planning includes integrated
13 supportive housing projects for certain target groups, including
14 individuals with HIV/AIDS, individuals with chronic mental
15 illness or individuals in recovery from addiction; and

16 WHEREAS, Federal guidance and application of the Fair Housing
17 Act and proposed State legislation amending The Landlord Tenant
18 Act of 1951 prohibit the use of arrest records or criminal
19 background disclosure as a basis for exclusion of housing
20 applicants; and

21 WHEREAS, Resolution of housing discrimination complaints is a
22 continuing imperative of fair housing enforcement in this
23 Commonwealth and beyond; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
25 month of April 2020 as "Fair Housing Month" in Pennsylvania.