
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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GALLOWAY, APRIL 5, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 5, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of April 2019 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

1 Urban Development programs in this Commonwealth; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
26 month of April 2019 as "Fair Housing Month" in Pennsylvania.