

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, April 11, 2024, marks the 56th anniversary of the passage of the federal Fair Housing Act, which set a national policy of fair housing and bars discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, gender, familial status, or disability; and,

WHEREAS, this year also marks the 45th anniversary of the Illinois Human Rights Act, which bars discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including sexual harassment), disability, familial status, age, ancestry, marital status, military status, unfavorable discharge from military service, sexual orientation, gender-related identity, order of protection status, arrest record, source of income, or immigration status; and,

WHEREAS, decent, safe, and affordable housing is part of the American dream; and,

WHEREAS, economic stability, community health, and human relations in all communities of the State of Illinois are improved by diversity and integration; and,

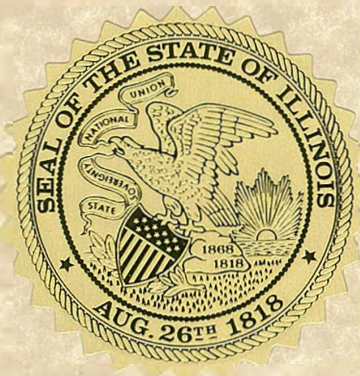
WHEREAS, stable, integrated, and balanced residential patterns are threatened by discriminatory acts and unlawful housing practices that result in the segregation of residents and opportunities in Illinois communities; and,

WHEREAS, the talents of grassroots and non-profit organizations, housing service providers, housing professionals, financial institutions, elected officials, state agencies, and others must be combined to promote and preserve integration, fair housing, and equal opportunity and address the immense challenge of ensuring that every person in Illinois has access to affordable housing;

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as **Fair Housing Month** in Illinois in commemoration of the signing of the Fair Housing Act and the Illinois Human Rights Act, as well as to promote integration and equal housing opportunities for everyone.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this EIGHTEENTH day of MARCH, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-FOUR, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and FIFTH.



Alexi Stancu
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR