

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-R-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, PROMOTING AND SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT AND RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act, enacted on April 11, 1968, enshrined into federal law the goal of eliminating racial segregation and ending housing discrimination in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, and disability, and commits recipients of federal funding to affirmatively further fair housing in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the intent of Congress in passing the Fair Housing Act was broad and inclusive, to advance equal opportunity in housing and achieve racial integration for the benefit of all people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the intent of Congress in passing the Fair Housing Act was to prohibit discrimination in all housing and housing-related transactions, including policies or practices that appear superficially neutral, but have a discriminatory effect on protected classes; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, our social fabric, the economy, health, and environment are strengthened in diverse, inclusive communities; and

WHEREAS, an individual's housing conditions impact his or her health, educational attainment level, employment opportunities, and personal wealth; and

WHEREAS, more than fifty (50) years after the passage of the Fair Housing Act, discrimination persists, and many communities remain segregated; and

WHEREAS, reports indicate there are more than 4,000,000 violations of fair housing laws each year against people of all protected classes, and fair housing testing continues to uncover a high rate of discrimination in the rental, sales, mortgage lending, and insurance markets; and

WHEREAS, acts of housing discrimination and barriers to equal housing opportunity are repugnant to a common sense of decency and fairness; and

WHEREAS, as the Fair Housing Act is an essential component of our Nation's civil rights legislation; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami designates the month of April as Fair Housing Month to encourage residents to recognize the importance of the Fair Housing Act and its impact on our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Designation.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, designates the month of April as Fair Housing Month.

Section 2. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 12th day of April, 2022.




PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN KASSANDRA TIMOTHE

CO-SPONSORED BY: VICE MAYOR ALIX DESULME AND COUNCILWOMAN MARY ESTIMÉ-IRVIN

Moved by: Timothe

Seconded by: Galvin

Vote:

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime	<u> X </u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<u> X </u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilman Scott Galvin	<u> X </u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA	<u> X </u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u> X </u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)