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WHEREAS, April 11, 2012 marks the 44th anniversary of the passage of the U.S. Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which enunciates a national policy of Fair Housing without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, sex, familial status, and handicap, and mandates fair housing opportunities for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing struggle for dignity and housing opportunity for all is not the exclusive province of the Federal government; and

WHEREAS, vigorous local efforts to combat discrimination can be as effective, if not more so, than Federal efforts; and

WHEREAS, illegal barriers to equal opportunity in housing, no matter how subtle, diminish the rights of all; and

WHEREAS, Fair Housing Month seeks to raise awareness of fair housing issues and the discrimination that, despite great strides forward, persists; and

WHEREAS, Fair Housing Month sends the message that this discrimination has no home in the United States. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh encourages all agencies, institutions and individuals, public and private, in the City of Pittsburgh to abide by the letter and the spirit of the Fair Housing Law in the pursuit of the shared goal and responsibility of providing equal housing opportunities for all men and women; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim April, 2012 as "Fair Housing Month" in the City of Pittsburgh.