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WHEREAS, April, 2013 marks the 45th 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, Fair Housing Month seeks to raise awareness of fair housing issues and the discrimination that, despite great strides forward, persists; and

WHEREAS, we must rededicate ourselves to the work of ensuring that our communities are open to all people and that all have freedom to choose where they live; and

WHEREAS, illegal barriers to equal opportunity in housing, whether subtle or blatant, diminish the rights of all and violate our community's shared and deeply held values of equality and dignity for all; and

WHEREAS, Fair Housing Month sends the message that this discrimination has no home in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Pittsburgh is blessed with many organizations from those at the federal level all the way down to local, community-based organizations, that work tirelessly every day to ensure that citizens of our city have access to housing.

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 expanding opportunities and improving quality of life for all; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim April, 2013 as "Fair Housing Month" in the City of Pittsburgh.