### Office of Community Development

#### State of Louisiana

Division of Administration

JEFF LANDRY
GOVERNOR



TAYLOR F. BARRAS
COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION

#### MEMORANDUM

TO:

All LCDBG Recipients

FROM:

Traci Watts, Director

Office of Community Development – Local Government Assistance

DATE:

April 2, 2025

**SUBJECT:** 

Fair Housing Month – April 2025

April 11, 2024 marks the fifty-seventh milestone of the National Fair Housing Law of 1968 that prohibits discrimination in housing and declares a national policy to provide, within constitutional limits, for fair housing in the United States.

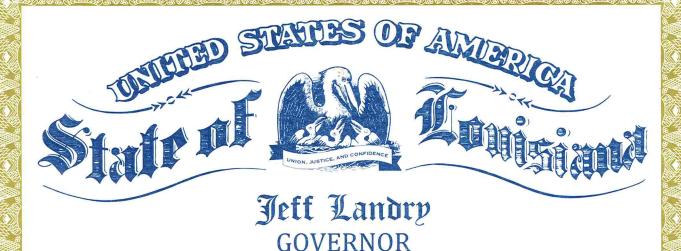
The Fair Housing Law, as amended, states that it is illegal to discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, or familial status in the sale or rental of housing, in the financing of housing, or in the provision of real estate brokerage services. Blockbusting is also illegal.

In honor of this event, I am requesting that on this occasion your community adopt a Fair Housing Proclamation similar to the one proposed for adoption by the State of Louisiana (see attachment). Please display your proclamation in a prominent place. You do not need to provide this office with a copy of your proclamation.

As always, we are available to provide technical assistance to support your efforts. We believe that together we can improve and strengthen our efforts and provide constructive changes. With your involvement and leadership, we will show steady and sustained progress throughout our State in promoting Fair Housing opportunities for all citizens.

#### Attachment

c: Denease McGee, Office of Community Development



# Proclamation

WHEREAS, the 57th Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII

of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing

discrimination whenever it exists; and

WHEREAS, fair housing should never be denied to any citizen because of

race or color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, or

disability; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and

implementation of the law requires the positive commitment,

involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the department and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to

provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an

idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, our State is great because all of her citizens have a right to life,

liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeff Landry, Governor of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim the

month of April 2025, as

## Fair Housing Month

and I call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

CONFIDENCE \*

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana at the Capitol in the city of Baton Rouge on this 28th day of March A.D. 2025.

Governor of Louisiana