

ProclamationFAIR HOUSING MONTH

"The Bridge to Equitable Communities"

April 2016

WHEREAS: April 11, 2016 marks the 48th anniversary of the passage of the U.S. Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, which enunciated a national policy of Fair Housing without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, or disability, and encourages fair housing opportunities for all citizens; and

WHEREAS: The principle of fair housing is not only law, but a basic human necessity; and an inalienable right inscribed in the constitution of the State of Ohio as adopted in 1851; and

WHEREAS: The Central Ohio Fair Housing Association, Inc. is engaged in passionately pursuing its mission to eliminate housing discrimination and the City of Gahanna is committed to the mission to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS: April is traditionally designated as FAIR HOUSING MONTH by the President of the United States and by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the theme this year is "Fair Housing: The Bridge to Equitable Communities" in order to highlight the Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas R. Kneeland, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, do urge Gahanna citizens to join me in recognizing Fair Housing Month. I hereby proclaim the month of April as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, to be affixed on this 1st day of April in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen.

Thomas R. Kneeland, Mayor