

## **Buncombe County Fair Housing Month**

- WHEREAS,** The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development recognizes National Fair Housing Month each April; and
- WHEREAS,** Title VIII of The Fair Housing Act, enacted in 1968, enshrined into federal law the goal of eliminating racial segregation, ending housing discrimination, and to guarantee equal housing choice and opportunity as a right for all; and
- WHEREAS,** The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, and disability, and commits all to affirmatively furthering fair housing choice in their communities; and
- WHEREAS,** More than 56 years after the passage of the Fair Housing Act, discrimination persists in many forms denying individuals opportunities to thrive; and
- WHEREAS,** Acts of housing discrimination and barriers to equal housing opportunity are contradictory to the common sense of decency and fairness; and
- WHEREAS,** Buncombe County promotes diverse, inclusive communities to provide a strong social fabric and foundation for achieving better educational, employment, health outcomes, and to build wealth to pass along to future generations; and
- WHEREAS,** Buncombe County is committed to the democratic principles of nondiscriminatory free choice, the mission and intent of the Fair Housing Act to provide fair, equitable, and equal housing access and opportunities for all, and encourages residents and prospective residents of Buncombe County to know their rights and responsibilities under the law and share in this effort.

**NOW THEREFORE,** The Buncombe County Board of Commissioners hereby resolves and declares April 2024 as Buncombe County Fair Housing Month to continue its commitment to fair housing for an inclusive community, promote appropriate activities by private and public entities, and advocate for and provide equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of Buncombe County.

This 16th day of April 2024,

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Brownie Newman Chairman  
Buncombe County Board of Commissioners