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PROCLAMATION
FAIR HOUSING MONTH
APRIL 2016

WHEREAS, The month of April, 2016 has been declared Fair Housing Month in the City of Troy, in recognition of the 48th anniversary of the signing of the Federal Fair Housing Law under the Civil Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, This landmark law along with other federal and state legislation strictly prohibits housing discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, marital status, religion, disability or family status; and

WHEREAS, The National Fair Housing Alliance is the voice of fair housing. NFHA works to eliminate housing discrimination and to ensure equal housing opportunity for all people through leadership, education, outreach, membership services, public policy initiatives, advocacy and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, The National Fair Housing Alliance recognizes the importance of "home" as a component of the American dream and envisions a country free of housing discrimination where every individual, group and community enjoys equal housing opportunity and access in a bias free and open housing market where integrated neighborhoods are the norm, and the private and public sector guarantees civil rights in an open, and barrier free community committed to healing the history of discrimination in America; and

WHEREAS, **Fair Housing Month** is designed to heighten people's awareness of their rights under the law when pursuing the purchase or rental of housing; and

WHEREAS, City of Troy residents are urged to contact Oakland County's housing counselors in the Community & Home Improvement Division if they believe they have been the victims of housing discrimination;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council hereby **proclaims the month of April, 2016 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Troy**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we invite all Troy residents to join advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to ensure equal housing opportunity for all people through leadership, education, outreach, membership services, public policy initiatives, advocacy and enforcement.

Proclaimed this 4th day of April 2016.