

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, April 2015 marks the 47th anniversary of the Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, the Federal Fair Housing Act which provides equal opportunity for all Americans in the sale, rental, and financing of housing and prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin; and

**WHEREAS**, The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 added familial status and handicap to those classes protected by Title VIII and added strong new rights, remedies, monetary penalties, and judicial and administrative enforcement procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, Nevada state law also prohibits discrimination on the basis of ancestry, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression; and

**WHEREAS**, It is the solemn and sworn duty of government at all levels to protect and defend the rights of all its citizens and oppose housing discrimination whenever and wherever it occurs; and

**WHEREAS**, Illegal barriers to equal opportunity in housing, no matter how subtle, that diminish the rights of some of our citizens, diminish the rights of all; and

**WHEREAS**, Silver State Fair Housing Council actively works to ensure equal housing opportunity for all people in Nevada to freely choose where they want and can afford to live; and

**WHEREAS**, Washoe County supports the efforts of Silver State Fair Housing Council and all other agencies pursuing fair housing; now, therefore, be it

**PROCLAIMED**, By the Washoe County Commission that April 2015 is Fair Housing Month and recognizes the Silver State Fair Housing Council for their good work in pursuing fair housing in our community.

**ADOPTED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

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Marsha Berkgigler, Chair  
Washoe County Commission

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