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**Proclaiming April 2026 as Fair Housing Month**

Each year during the month of April, the nation celebrates the rights granted under the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and its amendments, commonly known as the Fair Housing Act (Act), which was enacted to ensure equal housing opportunities regardless of race, color, religion, or national origin. Subsequent amendments expanded protections to include sex, disability, and familial status. The Act grants enforcement authority to federal agencies and provides legal remedies for individuals facing housing discrimination.

The County of Los Angeles (County) and Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) utilize funding to support and promote fair housing through ongoing activities for the residents of the unincorporated areas of the County, as well as incorporated cities throughout the County that participate in the County's Community Development Block Grant Program. Activities include informational, educational, counseling, and investigative services programs.

These fair housing services, provided by the Housing Rights Center (HRC) in Los Angeles County, address a wide variety of landlord-tenant issues: evictions, illegal entries, harassment, refusals to rent, pets, lockouts, substandard conditions, and

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repairs. These issues are resolved through mediation, referrals to other agencies, and litigation.

On Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, the HRC will hold its 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Housing Rights Summit and Resource Fair to address housing and civil rights issues. In addition, the Resource Fair allows attendees to connect with staff from social service providers, legal aid organizations, and other community-based organizations distributing needed resources and referrals.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors commemorate and proclaim April 2026 as Fair Housing Month in the County of Los Angeles in order to recognize the value and importance of the rights guaranteed under the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and its amendments (Act) and commit to the furtherance of the Act's goals and ideals throughout the year.

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