

# PROCLAMATION

## Fair Housing Awareness Month

**WHEREAS**, April marks the anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968, which sought to eliminate discrimination in housing opportunities and to affirmatively further housing choices for all Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, there are still too many violations of fair housing laws occurring each year; and

**WHEREAS**, since the introduction of the Fair Housing Act of 1968, civil rights protections in housing continue to evolve; and

**WHEREAS**, with increased knowledge on the subject of fair housing, the welfare of all will improve; and

**WHEREAS**, we must continue to strive for equal housing opportunity for all; and

**WHEREAS**, the ongoing struggle for dignity and housing opportunity for all is not the exclusive province of the Federal government; and

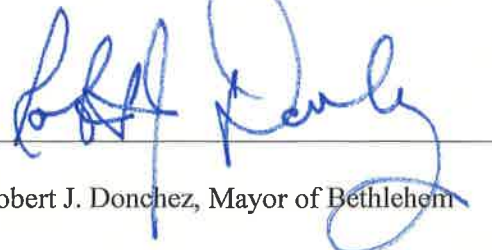
**WHEREAS**, vigorous local efforts to combat discrimination can be as effective, if not more so, than Federal efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, illegal barriers to equal opportunity in housing, no matter how subtle, diminish the rights of all;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Mayors of Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton, and the County Executives of Lehigh County and Northampton County, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as Fair Housing Awareness Month. We encourage all agencies, institutions and individuals, public and private, in Lehigh and Northampton Counties to abide by the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Act.



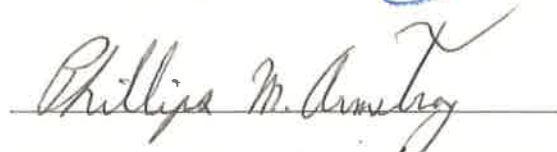
Ray O'Connell, Mayor of Allentown



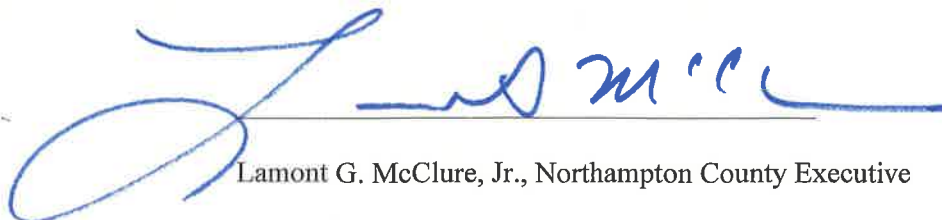
Robert J. Donchez, Mayor of Bethlehem



Salvatore J. Panto, Jr, Mayor of Easton



Phillips Armstrong, Lehigh County Executive



Lamont G. McClure, Jr., Northampton County Executive