



Proclamation

WHEREAS, April marks the 47th 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, millions of people are victims of housing discrimination 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 do hereby proclaim April 2015 as Fair Housing Month. We encourage all agencies, institutions and individuals, public and private, in Lehigh County to abide by the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing law.

April 1, 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas S. Muller", is written over a horizontal line.

Thomas S. Muller, County Executive

County of Lehigh