

Resolution 2021-08

Resolution Honoring Fair Housing Month

WHEREAS, April 11, 2021 marks the 53rd Anniversary of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, known as the Civil Rights Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, this Act provides equal housing opportunity for all Americans regardless of race, color, religion, sex or national origin, as well as to ensure fair practice in the sale, rental or financing of property;

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 added new rights, remedies, monetary penalties, and strengthened its enforcement procedures; and

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WHEREAS, the Borough of Lansdowne wishes to recognize the particular contributions of past and present Lansdowne residents since 1956 in working to build local support for state and national fair housing laws, embracing the integration of their neighborhoods, and advocating for a diverse and welcoming community; and

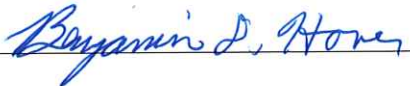
WHEREAS, community activists in Lansdowne Borough and the Greater Lansdowne community formed the Southeast Delaware County Area Committee of Friends Suburban Housing, later renamed to the Committee for Democracy in Housing of Lansdowne and Vicinity in 1957, the Lansdowne-Upper Darby Fair Housing Council in 1976, and currently the Housing Equality Center of Southeastern Pennsylvania to advocate for equal housing, the end of segregationists housing policies in Southeast Pennsylvania, and the protection of Black residents moving into communities in Eastern Delaware County; and,

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Act of 1968 was signed into law by Lyndon Baines Johnson after strong bipartisan support in both the House of Representatives and Senate after the tragic assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4, 1968 ; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Lansdowne remains committed to the mission and intent of Congress to prohibit housing discrimination and create fair and equal housing opportunities for all, and has upheld these values by the establishment of the Lansdowne Human Relations Commission and Anti-Discrimination Ordinance to ensure that persons who live and work in the Borough are protected from unlawful discrimination; and

Now, Therefore, the Borough Council of Lansdowne do hereby recognize and honor April as Fair Housing Month. *Furthermore,* LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS of Lansdowne Borough that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or In the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status(families with children), or handicap (disability) is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act adds the additional protected classes of age and ancestry.

Passed and adopted by the Borough Council of Lansdowne at a meeting held on March 17th, 2021.



Benjamin D. Hover, Council President

ATTEST: 

Craig Totaro, Assistant Borough Secretary