

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** April 2009 marks the 41st anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, also known as the Federal Fair Housing Act; and
- WHEREAS:** President Lyndon Johnson signed the Federal Fair Housing Act in April 1968, making it illegal to deny housing based on race, color, religion, and national origin; and
- WHEREAS:** Amendments were made to the Fair Housing Act in 1974 to extend the Act to cover discrimination based on sex, and in 1988 to add disability and family status; and
- WHEREAS:** With signing of 2007's Senate Bill 725 and House Bill 3639, Oregon's fair housing laws became substantially equivalent to federal requirements; and
- WHEREAS:** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the State of Oregon remain in cooperative agreement in recognition of the federal funding and State partnership through the Fair Housing Assistance Program; and
- WHEREAS:** The Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) and the laws of our nation and state seek to ensure equality of choice for all transactions involving housing, and for the first time in 15 years BOLI's Civil Rights Division is investigating federal fair housing complaints in Oregon; and
- WHEREAS:** In recognition of these achievements, April 2008 was declared Fair Housing Month in Oregon, and only through continued cooperation, commitment, and support can barriers to the enjoyment of this and other aspects of equality of opportunity for all be removed.
- NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim April 2009 to be

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, April 16, 2009.



Theodore R. Kulongoski
Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Kate Brown
Kate Brown, Secretary of State