

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Macomb finds that decent and safe housing is part of the American dream and a goal of all Illinois residents; and

WHEREAS: individuals in the State of Illinois have the right to choose where to live without discrimination based on race, color, religion, age (40 and over), sex (including sexual harassment and pregnancy), familial status, marital status, national origin/ancestry, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, military status, unfavorable military discharge, and order of protection status; and

WHEREAS: federal and state laws affirm the right of every person to equal housing opportunity; and

WHEREAS: fair housing is a positive community good; and

WHEREAS: economic stability, community health, and human relations in all communities and the State of Illinois are improved by diversity and integration; and

WHEREAS: stable, integrated, and balanced residential patterns are threatened by discriminatory acts and unlawful housing practices that result in segregation of residents and opportunities in our region; and

WHEREAS: the talents of grassroots and non-profit organizations, housing service providers, financial institutions, elected officials, state agencies, and others must be combined to promote and preserve integration, fair housing, and equal opportunity.

Now Therefore, I, Michael J. Inman, Mayor of the City of Macomb, Illinois do hereby proclaim **April 2013**, as:

“NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH”

to establish Macomb as an open and inclusive community committed to fair housing and to promote appropriate activities by private and public entities intended to provide or advocate for integration and equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of Macomb.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Macomb, Illinois to be affixed this 18th day of April 2013.



Mayor