

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS
PROCLAMATION

FAIR HOUSING AWARENESS MONTH
April 2014

- WHEREAS,** April is National Fair Housing Month, recognized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the State of Illinois, which celebrates yearly the passage of the 1968 Federal Fair Housing Act and the protections offered under the Illinois Human Rights Act to all of the people of Illinois; and
- WHEREAS,** the Nation and the State recognize that there is a fundamental need for all persons to have shelter, and the spirit of the law is designed to allow persons to "Live Free" of illegal housing discrimination and housing practices that would restrict one's efforts to attain the housing of one's choice, and,
- WHEREAS,** by supporting and promoting fair housing and equal opportunity, we are contributing to the health of the City, State and Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Naperville Fair Housing Advisory Commission plays an important role in discouraging illegal and unethical housing practices by promoting and encouraging fair housing to all; and
- WHEREAS,** the Commission has increased its public outreach efforts to inform and promote goals and resources of the Commission to existing and future Naperville residents, property owners and social service providers; and
- WHEREAS,** ongoing education, outreach and monitoring are key to raising awareness of fair housing principles, practices, rights and responsibilities; and
- WHEREAS,** Fair Housing Month is an opportunity to provide residents with the tools, knowledge and resources to obtain fair housing without discrimination while promoting the goals and objectives of Naperville's Fair Housing Advisory Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, A. George Pradel, Mayor of the City of Naperville, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2014 to be

FAIR HOUSING MONTH
in the City of Naperville

and encourage all citizens and organizations to better understand their rights to fair housing and to seek available resources and help through the City's Fair Housing Advisory Commission, the State of Illinois and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to avoid discrimination and unfair practices in the pursuit of fair housing.



A. George Pradel
Mayor

