

Proclamation

WHEREAS, April 11th marks the 45th anniversary of the United States Federal Fair Housing Act – a law whose spirit embraces equal housing, not only as a national policy, but a fundamental human concept for everyone to embrace; and

WHEREAS, Illinois will join many other states across the nation in celebrating National Fair Housing Month. The Illinois Department of Human rights is sponsoring an effort to promote public awareness about housing rights guaranteed under the Illinois Human Rights Act;

WHEREAS, acts of housing discrimination and barriers to equal housing opportunity are repugnant to a common sense of decency and fairness; and

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

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

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

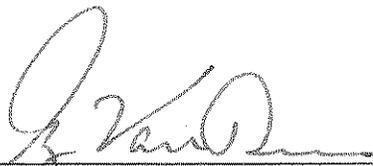
WHEREAS, the talents of grassroots and nonprofit organizations, housing service providers, financial institutions, elected officials, state agencies, and others must be combined to promote and preserve fair housing and equal opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE VAN DUSEN, Mayor of the Village of Skokie, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2013, as

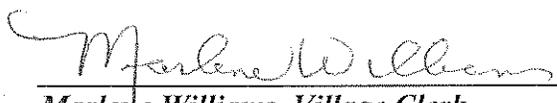
“FAIR HOUSING IS NOT AN OPTION. IT’S THE LAW”

in the Village of Skokie and to establish it 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 equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents.

Date this 18th day of March 2013



George Van Dusen
Mayor



Marlene Williams, Village Clerk

