

# ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

## Proclamation

### FAIR HOUSING MONTH

**WHEREAS**, Arlington County envisions a community that is an economically, racially, and culturally diverse community that is inclusive and sustainable and access to housing for all without discrimination is essential to achieving this vision; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fair Housing Act of April 11, 1968, enshrined into federal law the goal of eliminating racial segregation and ending housing discrimination in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), familial status, national origin, and disability; and

**WHEREAS**, Arlington County's Human Rights Ordinance reaffirms these protections against housing-related discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Fair Housing Law was enacted in 1972 to provide fair housing throughout the Commonwealth and provides further protections related to military status, source of funds, and elderliness; and

**WHEREAS**, Arlington County is committed to the mission and intent to affirmatively further fair and equal housing opportunities for all because our social fabric, the economy, resident health, and environment are strengthened in diverse, inclusive communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Arlington County, together with seven other jurisdictions in the metropolitan Washington region, recently completed a Regional Fair Housing Plan, with shared goals and strategies to reduce housing discrimination, reverse patterns of racial segregation, and improve access to opportunity for all current and future residents of the metropolitan Washington region; and

**WHEREAS**, Arlington has recognized that housing policy and a history of racial segregation in our communities continue to shape our neighborhoods today;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Libby Garvey, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia do hereby proclaim **April 2024** as

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in Arlington County and encourage all community members to join the County Board in gaining a shared understanding of the importance of fair housing by supporting activities that advance equal housing opportunities for current and prospective residents.



  
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Libby Garvey  
Chair