



Town Council Agenda Report

SUBJECT: Proclamation

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TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM:

Fair Housing Month Proclamation - April 2000

REPORT IN BRIEF:

In 1997 the Town of Davie became an "entitlement recipient" of federal funds from the U. S. Dept.of HUD, under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The Town's *Consolidated Plan for Federal Funds* outlined fair housing activities to be undertaken, including an educational campaign to further fair housing choices for Davie residents. This is premised on the fundamental principle that every American has a right to live where they choose with dignity and without fear of discrimination. The Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the Fair Housing Act of 1988 (collectively) prohibit discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, or familial status. Each April is celebrated nationally as "National Fair Housing Month".

Officials from the Florida HUD Office (**Fair Housing and Equal Opportunities Division**) and Housing Opportunities for Project Excellence, Inc., (HOPE) have been invited to join us on April 18th to receive a copy of this Proclamation.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

Fair Housing Month Proclamations adopted in April 1998 and 1999.

CONCURRENCES:

None Required.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None - no cost involved.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Adopt Proclamation and present it to HUD and HOPE, Inc. Officials.

Attachment(s):

Proclamation

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1997 the Town of Davie became an "entitlement" recipient of Federal Funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Davie certified that it will affirmatively further fair housing opportunities and will work to identify and remove impediments to fair housing choices; and

WHEREAS, the Town's *Consolidated Plan for Federal Funds 1997-2002*, outlines fair housing initiatives that will be undertaken which include an educational campaign to further fair housing choices for Davie residents; and

WHEREAS, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the Fair Housing Act of 1988 prohibit the discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of dwellings based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap or familial status; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of HUD has proclaimed April 2000, as "National Fair Housing Month" and asked all CDBG Entitlement Communities to join them in celebrating the freedom of housing choices and fair housing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The Davie Town Council feels that every American has a right to live where they choose with dignity and without fear of discrimination, and is proud of its Fair Housing education and outreach initiatives.

WHEREAS, the Town of Davie wishes to thank both the Fair Housing and Equal Opportunities Division of HUD in Miami and the Housing Opportunities for Project Excellence (HOPE) Inc., for their assistance in helping the Town achieve it's Fair Housing goals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Town Council of the Town of Davie hereby proclaims April 2000 as "National Fair Housing Month" in the Town of Davie.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this _____day of _____, 2000.

Mayor/Councilmember