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behalf of all Senators
Rep. Harris on behalf of all Representatives

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023 AS THE ANNUAL “NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH” IN THE
STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, April 2023 marks the 55th Anniversary of the enactment of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1968,
2 which included among its provisions the federal Fair Housing law, and the 54th Anniversary of Delaware’s Fair Housing
3 Act; and

4 WHEREAS, it was the purpose of the Fair Housing Act to eliminate, as to housing offered to the public for sale or
5 rent, discrimination based upon race, color, religion or national origin; and

6 WHEREAS, today protections against discrimination in housing are provided in the Delaware Fair Housing Act,
7 Title 6, Chapter 46 of the Delaware Code; and

8 WHEREAS, the Delaware Fair Housing Act has been amended from time to time since its enactment, and now
9 additionally prohibits discrimination based on creed, sex, marital status, familial status, source of income, age, sexual
10 orientation or disability; and

11 WHEREAS, legislation to amend the Delaware Fair Housing Act to prevent discrimination based on use of
12 government rental assistance is pending; and

13 WHEREAS, discrimination in the sale or rent of housing is just one example of barriers some households face
14 when trying to maintain stable housing in Delaware; and

15 WHEREAS, according to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, Delaware has the 15th highest rental
16 housing costs in the country; and

17 WHEREAS, approximately 76% of Delaware households are cost burdened with incomes below 30% of Area
18 Median Income spend more than 50% of their monthly income on housing expenses; and

19 WHEREAS, the National Low Income Housing Coalition just released that Delaware has a shortage of 21,197
20 rental units that are affordable and available for extremely low-income renters; and

21 WHEREAS, more than 1,000 people sleep in homeless shelters and on the streets each night in Delaware; and

22 WHEREAS, as we recognize the annual National Fair Housing Month, there exists a continued need to address
23 affordable housing, homelessness, and fair and equitable housing practices in the State of Delaware.

24 NOW THEREFORE:

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the
26 Senate concurring therein, that the State of Delaware recognizes April 2023 as National Fair Housing Month in the State of
27 Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This House Concurrent Resolution recognizes the month of April 2023 as “National Fair Housing Month” in the State of Delaware.