



SPONSOR: Rep. K. Johnson on behalf of all Representatives &  
Sen. Townsend on behalf of all Senators

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2021, AS THE ANNUAL “NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH” IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, April 2021 marks the 53<sup>rd</sup> 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 52<sup>nd</sup> 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 percent of Delaware households are cost burdened with incomes below 30% of  
18 Area Median Income spend more than 50 percent of their monthly income on housing expenses; and

19 WHEREAS, the National Low Income Housing Coalition estimates that in 2020 Delaware had a deficit of 15,560  
20 affordable and available units for Delaware households with incomes at or below 50 percent Area Median Income; 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 151<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the  
26 Senate concurring therein, that the State of Delaware recognizes April 2021, as National Fair Housing Month in the State of  
27 Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This House Concurrent Resolution recognizes the month of April 2021, as “National Fair Housing Month” in the State of Delaware.