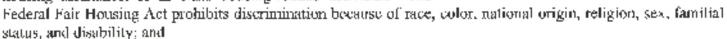
## FAIR HOUSING PROCLAMATION 2022

WHEREAS, ON APRIL 11, 1968, PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON SIGNED AND ENACTED THE PAIR HOUSING ACT, in order to abolish racial segregation and end housing discrimination in our Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Jiliy-four (54) years later, the Fair Housing Act still serves as a powerful statement about who we are as people: the values of fairness, right, and dignity that we strive to uphold, and those places where work is still needed in order to attain our full promise as a Nation; and

WHEREAS, it is illegal to discriminate in the sale or remal of housing, including against individuals seeking a mortgage or housing assistance, or in other housing-related activities. The



WHEREAS, Maryland's Fair Housing law is "substantially equivalent" to the federal law. You cannot be discriminated against because of your marical status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or source of income; and



WHEREAS, we, the Commissioners of the Housing Authority of St. Mary's County, Maryland (Commissioners), join other communities across our Nation to assert Fair Housing in our community, St. Mary's County, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, equal housing opportunities are essential in order to promote justice for all citizens in all areas of life; and

WHEREAS, housing choice impacts our children's access to education, our options and ability to seek and retain employment, the cultural benefits we enjoy, the extent of our quality of life, as well as our access to convenient, allordable, high-quality health care; and

NOW TREREFORE, in collaboration with the National Association of Realtors and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, we, the Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 2022 as FAIR HOUSING MONTH in St. Mary's County and urge citizens to join in education and accountability aimed directly at creating and promoting equal housing opportunities for all people.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the Housing Authority of St. Mary's County, Maryland to be affixed this day of Opil in the year two thousand twenty-two.

ATTEST:

Dennis L. Nicholson

Secretary and Executive Director



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