



**COUNTY OF CLARION
RESOLUTION NO. 8 OF 2016
2016 FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION**



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LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS of Clarion County, including Clarion Borough and Clarion Township, that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status (families with children), or handicap (disability) is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Act) and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act adds the additional protected classes of age and ancestry. It is the policy of Clarion County, Clarion Borough and Clarion Township to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status, handicap (disability), age and ancestry. Therefore, the County of Clarion does hereby pass the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that within available resources Clarion County will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status, handicap (disability), age and ancestry to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the local Fair Housing Officer, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, whichever is chosen by the person filing the complaint.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Clarion County shall make publically known this Resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Act, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and any local laws or ordinances.

FURTHER ACTION will at a minimum include, but not to be limited to:

- (1) Publicizing the name and contact information of the local Fair Housing Officer, which will include the process to file a complaint if a person feels they have been discriminated against in housing in any manner and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contracts; and
- (2) Conduct at least one fair housing activity annually to better inform the public of their rights under the Fair Housing Law and Pennsylvania Human Relations Act; and
- (3) Use the fair housing logo on all materials dealing with housing programs such as but not limited to:
 - a. Public advertisements for vacancy or discussing the program
 - b. Applications for assistance
 - c. Contracts
 - d. Municipal letters dealing with the federal programs



If you're a person with a disability and require a reasonable accommodation to be able to access any notification, please contact the business offices of Kristi Ditz, Director, Clarion County Department of Planning & Development, at 330 Main Street, Room 12, Clarion, PA 16214, Telephone: 814-226-4000, Extension 2800, email address: kditz@co.clarion.pa.us, or web site: www.co.clarion.pa.us.

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Approved at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Clarion County Commissioners held August 11, 2016.

Signed:

Attest:

Theodore W. Tharan, Chairman

Carol Clinger, Chief Clerk

Wayne R. Brosius, Commissioner

C. Edward Heasley, Commissioner

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