

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** April 2011 marks the 43rd anniversary of the passage of the Federal Fair Housing Act, title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, which represents a national policy of fair housing without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, and disability, and encourages fair housing opportunities for all citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont has been a leader in the country by enacting a law to extend protections of the Federal Fair Housing Act to include sexual orientation, age, marital status, gender identity, and recipients of public assistance as protected classes; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Vermont supports fairness in all housing transactions by continuing to address discrimination, supporting programs that educate the public about the right to equal housing opportunities, and collaborating with organizations to assure every Vermonter of their right to equal housing; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Vermont is undertaking a statewide analysis of impediments to fair housing choice to identify actions, omissions, or decisions that restrict the availability of fair housing choices;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2011 as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in Vermont and call upon residents to advocate for fair housing options.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this ____ day of March, A.D. 2011.

Peter Shumlin
Governor

By the Governor:

Alexandra MacLean
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs