

**RESOLUTION R-2015-\_\_\_\_\_**

**WHEREAS**, 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, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap or disability is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act. It is the policy of the County of Lawrence to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap or disability, or familial status (families with children).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** That within available resources the County of Lawrence will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap or disability or familial status (families with children) to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**SECTION 2.** That the County of Lawrence shall publicize 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 Law, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and any local laws or ordinances.

**SECTION 3.** Further publicity will at a minimum include, but not be limited to: (1) the printing and publicizing of this resolution and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contacts; (2) distribution of posters, flyers, and any other means which will bring to the attention of those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing

**APPROVED this 17th day of November 2015**

**VOTE:        Yeas\_\_\_\_\_        Nays\_\_\_\_\_**

**CERTIFIED this 17th day of November 2015**

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Jim Gagliano  
County Administrator/Chief Clerk