



Regional Council of Governments & Economic Development District serving Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy County

RESOLUTION 2019-01

PROCLAMING APRIL AS NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH

- WHEREAS**, the **Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council** (LRGVDC) finds that decent, safe, and affordable housing is part of the American dream and a goal of all Rio Grande Valley residents;
- WHEREAS**, individuals in the Rio Grande Valley have the right to choose where to live without discrimination based on race, color, religion, age, gender, familial status, marital status, national origin, and/or disability;
- WHEREAS**, acts of housing discrimination and barriers to equal housing opportunity are repugnant to a common sense of decency and fairness;
- WHEREAS**, federal and state laws affirm the right of every person to equal housing opportunity;
- WHEREAS**, fair housing is a positive community good;
- WHEREAS**, economic stability, community health, and human relations in all communities are improved by diversity and integration;
- WHEREAS**, stable, integrated, and balanced residential patterns are threatened by discriminatory acts and unlawful housing practices that result in segregation of residents and opportunities in our region;
- WHEREAS**, the talents of grassroots and non-profit organizations, housing service providers, financial institutions, elected officials, state agencies, and others must be combined to promote and preserve integration, fair housing, and equal opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Norma G. Garcia, President of LRGVDC do hereby proclaim the month of **April** as:

“NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH”

to establish an open and inclusive community committed to fair housing and to promote appropriate activities by private and public entities intended to provide or advocate for integration and equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Adopted and approved by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors this 24th, day of April 2019.

Honorable Norma G. Garcia
LRGVDC Board President