

National Fair Housing

A PROCLAMATION

A Resolution Proclaiming **April** as 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; and

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, sexual orientation, and/or disability; and

WHEREAS, acts of housing discrimination and barriers to equal housing opportunity are repugnant to a common sense of decency and fairness; and

WHEREAS, federal and state laws affirm the right of every person to equal housing opportunity; and

WHEREAS, fair housing is a positive community good; and

WHEREAS, economic stability, community health, and human relations in all communities are improved by diversity and integration; and

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; and

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 Eddy Gonzalez, 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 this 26th, day of April, 2012.



Mayor Pro-Tem Eddy Gonzalez, President