

AGENDA ITEM #: _____

DATE: March 23, 2015

COAC #: 15-5569

**CITY OF GOODYEAR
CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: Resolution No. 15-1701
recognizing April as Fair Housing Month.**

STAFF PRESENTER: Katie Wilken,
Interim Planning Manager

COMPANY

CONTACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 15-1701 PROMOTING FAIR HOUSING AND RECOGNIZING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH.

PURPOSE:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has declared April as Fair Housing Month to raise the public's awareness regarding fair housing issues and highlight the national commitment to end housing discrimination. Adoption of this resolution demonstrates the City's support of this effort.

BACKGROUND AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT:

Adequate housing is a basic need and right of all people.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

April 11, 2015 marks the 47th anniversary of U.S. Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968. The Fair Housing Act created a national policy of fair housing without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, sex, familial status, or handicap.

The City encourages fair housing opportunities for all its citizens. The City maintains a fair housing section on the City website which gives citizens information on how to make a complaint and provides the professional housing community with information on the importance of fair housing. The City also displays the fair housing logo and posters at City Hall. The City has recently taken steps to join other Valley cities as a member of the Arizona Fair Housing Partnership which will give the City access to additional resources to promote fair housing. The City is a participant in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program which requires the City to promote fair housing.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no impact to the budget associated with the adoption of this Resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 15-1701

RESOLUTION NO. 15-1701

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOODYEAR, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA PROMOTING FAIR HOUSING AND RECOGNIZING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH.

WHEREAS, April 11, 2015 marks the 47th anniversary of the passage of U.S. Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, which created a national policy of fair housing without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, sex, familial status, or handicap, and encourages fair housing opportunities for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, April has been traditionally designated as Fair Housing Month in the United States; and

WHEREAS, adequate housing is a basic need and right of all people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Goodyear wishes to focus public attention on April as Fair Housing Month in order to heighten public awareness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Goodyear is committed to highlight the Fair Housing Law by continuing to address discrimination in our community, to support programs that will educate the public about the right to equal housing opportunities, and to plan partnership efforts with other organizations to help assure every citizen of their right to fair housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOODYEAR, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That April 2015, being Fair Housing Month, begins a year-long commemoration of the U.S. Fair Housing Law in the City of Goodyear and urges all citizens and housing providers to comply with the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Goodyear, Arizona, this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Georgia Lord, Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Maureen Scott, City Clerk

Roric Massey, City Attorney

CERTIFICATION OF RECORDING OFFICER

STATE OF ARIZONA)
) ss.
County of Maricopa)

I, the undersigned Maureen Scott, being the duly appointed, qualified City Clerk of the City of Goodyear, Maricopa County, Arizona, certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 15-1701 is a true, correct and accurate copy of Resolution No. 15-1701, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Goodyear, Maricopa County, Arizona, held on the _____ day of _____ 20____, at which a quorum was present and, by a _____ vote, _____ voted in favor of said resolution.

Given under my hand and sealed this _____ day of _____, 20____.

seal

City Clerk