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**STATE OF ALABAMA**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Kenneth W. Boswell  
ADECA Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth W. Boswell".

SUBJECT: "April is Fair Housing Month" Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Information

April is Fair Housing Month. In recognition of this, the Governor of Alabama has issued a Proclamation in honor of Fair Housing Month in the State of Alabama. This Proclamation recognizes the significance of fair housing and encourages all Alabamians to observe and support both the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Laws. Attached is a copy of the Governor's Proclamation. We encourage all grant recipients and interested parties to help us observe and support April as Fair Housing Month.

Each applicant for, and recipient of, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant funds is expected to carry out the various "fair housing" and "equal opportunity" provisions of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and other applicable civil rights laws and regulations. In particular, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (the Fair Housing Act) and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 prohibit discrimination in the sale, rental, advertisement, and financing of residential real estate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, and familial status. The attachment to this Memorandum identifies and briefly summarizes a variety of statutory requirements, and also provides measures or actions that can be undertaken at the local government level to assure compliance with these mandates. In particular, note that the Fair Housing Act requires that each grant recipient work diligently to affirmatively further fair housing within its local jurisdiction by developing voluntary programs to achieve fair housing goals. The information stated in the attachment hereto will assist local governments in achieving those goals.

Also, available on the HUD website are Equal Housing Opportunity posters that are published in English and other language versions. These posters may be accessed at the HUD website [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/fair\\_housing\\_equal\\_opp/marketing](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/marketing) and should be

displayed within the grant recipient's local government buildings and other public facilities.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Dr. Kathleen Rasmussen in ADECA's Community and Economic Development Division at (334)353-0323 or at [kathleen.rasmussen@adeca.alabama.gov](mailto:kathleen.rasmussen@adeca.alabama.gov).

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