

**PROCLAMATION
FAIR HOUSING MONTH
APRIL 2015**

WHEREAS, April 2015 marks the 47th anniversary of the Federal Housing Act of 1968 and the 34th anniversary of the North Carolina Fair Housing Act. Both laws prohibit discrimination in housing because of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, handicap and familial status; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elizabeth City, Albemarle Area Association of Realtors, the City of Elizabeth City Community Development Program, Elizabeth City State University Community Development Program, NC Cooperative Extension Service - Pasquotank Center, River City Community Development Corporation, county and local governments, concerned citizens and the housing industry, are all working to make fair housing opportunities possible for all our citizens. Through their efforts, they are encouraging others to abide by the letter and the spirit of the fair housing laws; and

WHEREAS, one of the most important concerns of our citizens is the availability of housing for themselves as individuals and for their families. By supporting and promoting fair housing and equal opportunity, we are contributing to the health of our City, County, and our State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph W. Peel, Mayor of the City of Elizabeth City, do hereby proclaim April 2015 as "Fair Housing Month" in Elizabeth City and urge all citizens to rededicate themselves to ensuring that fair housing laws are always upheld and that our citizens are protected against discrimination.

ADOPTED, this 13th day of April 2015.



Joseph W. Peel
Mayor

ATTEST:



Vivian D. White, CMC/NCCMC
City Clerk

