

**PROCLAMATION  
FOR  
FAIR HOUSING MONTH  
APRIL 2013**

*WHEREAS*, April 2013 marks the 45th anniversary of the Federal Housing Act of 1968 and the 30th 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, Northeastern Community Development Corporation, River City Community Development Corporation and county and local governments, concerned citizens and the housing industry, are 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 the citizens of Elizabeth City is the availability of housing to them as individuals and families. By supporting and promoting fair housing and equal opportunity, we are contributing to the health of our County and our State;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Mayor Joseph W. Peel, do hereby proclaim April 2013 as “**Fair Housing Month**” in the City of Elizabeth City and urge our citizens to rededicate themselves to ensuring that fair housing laws are always upheld and citizens are protected against discrimination.

*ADOPTED*, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013.

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Joseph W. Peel  
Mayor

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Dianne S. Pierce-Tamplen, MMC  
City Clerk