

State of Kansas

**Proclamation
by the
Governor**

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, The month of April marks the anniversary of the signing of the National Fair Housing Law, which provides that it shall be unlawful "to discriminate against any person in terms, conditions, or privileges of the sale or rental of a dwelling or in the provision of services or facilities in connection therewith, because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or family status," and

WHEREAS, The denial of equal housing opportunity is a serious challenge, and must be met and surmounted, lest it erode the vital social structure that holds a community together; and

WHEREAS, The need for shelter is an essential human need; and

WHEREAS, The right to freely choose a place to live is a basic human right and discrimination in housing is not only against the law, it is contrary to the sense of what America should mean to its citizens and to others; and

WHEREAS, There are voluntary programs in support of fair housing that concerned citizens can join and support at every level in their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim April 2004 as

Fair Housing Month

in Kansas and urge all citizens to join in this observance.

DONE At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 5th day of
April, A.D. 2004

BY THE GOVERNOR

Kathleen Sebelius

Ron Thornburg

Secretary of State