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NOTICE of FAIR HOUSING OFFICER and COMPLAINT PROCESS for MIFFLIN COUNTY and on behalf of the BOROUGH of LEWISTOWN and the TOWNSHIPS of BROWN, DERRY and GRANVILLE

This notice will serve to advise all residents of Mifflin County and on behalf of the Borough of Lewistown, and the Townships of Brown, Derry and Granville that the following actions, if based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, religion, familial status (families with children), or handicap (disability) is prohibited by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1969 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act adds the additional protected classes of age and ancestry and are also considered discriminatory.

- Refusing to sell or rent to, deal or negotiate with any person.
- Discriminating on terms or conditions for buying or renting housing.
- Discriminating by advertising that housing is available only to persons of a certain race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, or handicap (disability), age, or ancestry.
- Denying that housing is available for inspection, sale or rent when it really is available.
- Blockbusting for profit, persuading owners to sell or rent housing by telling them that minority groups are moving into the neighborhood.
- Denying or making different terms or conditions for home loans by financial institutions.
- Denying to anyone the use or participation in any real estate services, multiple listing services or other facilities related to the selling and renting of housing.

All residents are hereby notified, that any complaints regarding a discriminatory action under one of the above actions may be filed with any or all listed below:

Cathy Romig, Chief Clerk Mifflin County Lewistown, PA 17044 (717) 248-6733	Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission Harrisburg Regional Office 333 Market Street, 8th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101-2210 (717) 787-9760	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development FHEO Regional III Office 100 Perin Square East 12th Fl. Philadelphia, PA 19107 (215) 661-7643
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RESOLUTION NO. 2017- 31
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF MIFFLIN, PA AND ON BEHALF OF
LEWISTOWN BOROUGH, AND THE TOWNSHIPS OF BROWN, DERRY AND GRANVILLE
RESTATING A FAIR HOUSING POLICY

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS of the County of Mifflin, and on behalf of The Borough of Lewistown and the Townships of Brown, Derry and Granville that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap or disability is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the Pennsylvania Human Act. It is the policy of Mifflin County and on behalf of The Borough of Lewistown and the Townships of Brown, Derry and Granville to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap or disability, or familial status (families with children). Therefore, the County of Mifflin, and on behalf of The Borough of Lewistown and the Townships of Brown, Derry and Granville do hereby pass the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that within available resources the County of Mifflin, and on behalf of The Borough of Lewistown and the Townships of Brown, Derry and Granville will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap or disability, or familial status (families with children) to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, whichever is chosen by the person filing the complaint.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Mifflin, and on behalf of The Borough of Lewistown and the Townships of Brown, Derry and Granville shall publicize this Resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and any local laws or ordinances.

FURTHER ACTION will at a minimum include, but not to be limited to: (1) Publicizing the name and contact information of the local Fair Housing Officer, which will include the process to file a complaint if a person feels they have been discriminated against in housing in any manner and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contracts; and (2) Conduct at least one fair housing activity annually to better inform the public of their rights under the Fair Housing Law and Pennsylvania Human Relations Act; and (3) Use the fair housing logo on all materials dealing with housing programs such as but not limited to: (a) Public advertisements for vacancy or discussing the program (b) Applications for assistance (c) Contracts (d) Municipal letters dealing with federal programs.

If you're a person with a disability and require reasonable accommodation to be able to access any notifications, please contact the business offices of the Mifflin County Planning and Development Department, located at 20 North Wayne Street, Lewistown, PA 17044 (717) 242-0887, or by e-mail dmarks@co.mifflin.pa.us and the website is www.co.mifflin.pa.us

If you're Limited English Proficient and require a document translation of any notification, please contact the business offices of the Mifflin County Planning and Development Department at the above listed contact information

Approved at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mifflin County Commissioners held on **Thursday, October 5, 2017**

Signature: Kevin P. Kodish
Kevin P. Kodish, Chairman

10/5/17
Date

