PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April marks the 47th anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968, which sought to eliminate discrimination in housing opportunities and to affirmatively further housing choices for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing struggle for dignity and housing opportunity for all is not the exclusive province of the Federal government; and

WHEREAS, vigorous local efforts to combat discrimination can be extremely effective; and

WHEREAS, illegal barriers to equal opportunity in housing, no matter how subtle, diminish the rights of all; and

WHEREAS, several studies over recent years, as well as fair housing complaints received by Vermont Legal Aid, Inc. and the Vermont Human Rights Commission, have documented that fair housing violations continue to occur in Burlington and throughout Vermont, despite laws prohibiting housing discrimination;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2015 to be

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in Burlington, and I do hereby urge all residents, agencies, individuals, and institutions – public and private – to contribute to the observance by continuing our efforts to eliminate housing discrimination in our communities.

Miro Weinberger
Mayor