

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN

RESOLUTION R-57-2024

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING TITLE VIII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 (FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING LAW) AND THE NEW JERSEY LAW AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

The Town of Morristown supports Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination. It is the policy of the Town of Morristown to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, nationality, familial status, marital or domestic partnership status, affectional or sexual orientation, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, genetic information, liability for military service, mental or physical disability, perceived disability, AIDS/HIV status, and Lawful Income or Source of Lawful Rent Payment (Section 8). The Town of Morristown further objects to 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 as prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination. Therefore, the Municipal Council of the Town of Morristown does hereby approve the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that within available resources, the Town of Morristown will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against under one of the aforementioned categories, to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Morristown 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 New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, and any local laws or ordinances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the municipality will at a minimum include, but not be limited to: (1) the printing and publicizing of this resolution, a fair housing public notice and other applicable fair housing information through local media, community contacts and placement on the Municipal website, and in other social media; (2) distribution of posters, flyers, and any other means which will bring to the attention of those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities, and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing.

Approved this 12th day of March, 2024