

PROCLAMATION REGARDING IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE

A Proclamation by the County of Callaway, Missouri recognizing and identifying possible barriers to fair housing choice based upon income as follows:

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri has found through survey and study that certain barriers to fair housing choice based upon income; and,

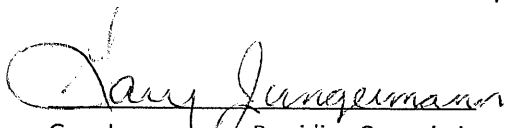
WHEREAS, the State has identified those barriers to include: landlords unwilling to rent to persons receiving public assistance; persons with poor credit history often being unable to receive loans; limited numbers of lenders carrying VA and FHA loan packages; a lack of general knowledge of available housing assistance programs; a shortage of Section 8 Certificates or a shortage of housing accepting Section 8 vouchers; a lack of education regarding fair housing rights, including the proper complaint process; difficult government-sponsored loan program documents and paperwork; and the inability to provide appropriate information to the homeless; and,

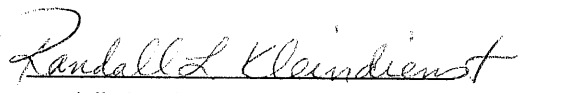
WHEREAS, Federal Law makes it unlawful to discriminate in housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or family status (families with children under the age of 18, or who are expecting a child). Broader protection is often provided under state, county, or city laws.


WHEREAS, the County of Callaway, Missouri, by this Proclamation states its opposition to the use of income as a barrier to fair housing choice in the manner herein defined, or in any fashion that causes a disparate negative impact on low and moderate income persons in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Proclaimed by the County of Callaway, Missouri, that it desires to actively identify and remove these income barriers that now exist, and prevent such barriers in the future, therefore, striving to provide an equal access to housing for all citizens.

Signed this 13th day of January, 2015


Gary Jungermann, Presiding Commissioner


Randall Kleindienst, Eastern District Commissioner


Doc Kritzer, Western District Commissioner