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Burlington/Camden REALTORS^(R) Observe Fair Housing Month

CHERRY HILL, NJ – The Burlington Camden County Association of REALTORS^(R) joins REALTOR^(R) associations nationwide in observing the month of April as Fair Housing Month. This year marks the 37th anniversary of the passage of the U.S. Fair Housing Act.

The Fair Housing Act declares a national policy of fair housing throughout the United States. It makes illegal any discrimination in the sale, lease or rental of housing or making housing otherwise unavailable because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin.

The Americans with Disabilities Act prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities in public places and commercial facilities. The Equal Credit Opportunity Act makes discrimination unlawful with respect to any aspect of a credit application on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status or because all or part of the applicant's income derives from any public assistance program.

“REALTORS^(R) are among the most ardent of fair housing supporters,” says Kathy Buividas, BCCAR President. “We are on the front lines working with buyers and sellers and play a vital role in advancing Fair Housing laws.”

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As champions of Fair Housing laws, the National Association of REALTORS^(R) promotes equality with an award-winning program called “At Home with Diversity”. Since 1999, more than 15,000 REALTORS^(R) and association executives have completed the program which trains real estate professionals to work effectively with the diversity in today’s housing market.

“A person’s ability to rent or to own should be based solely on what they can afford,” Buividas says. “Fair Housing means freedom of choice for everyone.”

Local Boards of REALTORS^(R) will accept complaints filed by a home seeker who alleges discriminatory treatment in the availability, purchase or rental of housing.

The Burlington Camden County Association of REALTORS® represents some 4,000 real estate sales professionals throughout the two-county area and is the local branch of the New Jersey Association of REALTORS® and the National

Association of REALTORS®, with one million members strong.

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