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Mayor Jacobs Supports Fair Housing Month

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs is supporting Fair Housing Month 2021, which was kicked off this week by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to commemorate the passage of the Fair Housing Act.

This year is the 53rd anniversary of the Fair Housing Act—landmark legislation signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1968 to prohibit housing discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, and family status.

This year's Fair Housing Month theme, *Fair Housing: More Than Just Words*, reflects a commitment to advancing equity in housing and the importance of increasing public awareness of everyone's right to fair housing.

“A lot of the time politicians get caught up in saying what they think people want to hear rather than doing what they really need to do to help people,” said Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. “Fair Housing Month is a good reminder that discrimination can impact someone's ability to make a home for their family and we have to do everything we can to stop that from happening.”

Each April, HUD, local communities, fair housing advocates and fair housing organizations across the country commemorate Fair Housing Month by enhancing awareness of fair housing rights and emphasizing the importance of ending housing discrimination.

Mayor Jacobs will present a Fair Housing Month proclamation at the April Commission Meeting. For a complete listing of national events and activities visit hud.gov/FHM2021.

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