

## FACT SHEET

### Fair Housing Act Commemoration

In 2018, the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® will embark on a yearlong commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act to raise awareness and create action. We will examine community fair housing issues and advocate for changes to the Fair Housing Act to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

**Why:** As stewards of the right to own, use and transfer private property, fair housing protects our livelihood and business as REALTORS®, and depends on a free, open market that embraces equal opportunity. Further, housing is closely linked to outcomes in the areas of health, education and economic opportunities.

**What:** NAR has provided a variety of communication resources to help the REALTOR® community share the importance fair housing plays in our industry and in our own neighborhoods. Resources include flyer and email templates; customizable print, banner and social media ads; articles and written content; videos and recommendations for working with partners and allies.

**Who:** We ask all members of the REALTOR® family to join us in this commemoration and stand together with us in this commitment. It's only together that we are able to reach farther with this message and be heard louder, having as much impact as possible.

NAR will join with our partners and allies, because together, our industry is firmly committed to equal housing opportunities. We recognize the unique and important role our partners have in this monumental endeavor:

- The National Association of Real Estate Brokers
- The Women's Council of REALTORS®
- The National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals
- The Asian Real Estate Association of America
- The National Association of Gay and Lesbian Real Estate Professionals

**When:** Ongoing throughout 2018

**How:** Consider how you can participate in this commemoration.

- Help your company, community, and local and state association identify and commemorate fair housing history and champions in your state.
- Submit information about what you are doing on [www.FairHousing.realtor](http://www.FairHousing.realtor). Share ideas, adapt what others are doing to meet your needs and work with local chapters of our national partners.
- Work in your communities to support efforts to expand fair housing protections based on sexual orientation and gender identity.
- Examine how access to quality education, health care and economic opportunity intersects with fair housing and property rights in your local area and nationally.

Go to [www.FairHousing.realtor](http://www.FairHousing.realtor) to learn about the commemoration, to find materials and resources you can use, and to share what you are doing to commemorate the anniversary of this important law and in support of these REALTOR® principles enshrined in our Code of Ethics.

**We've narrowed down details so you can easily share this information with members:**

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