

NOTICE of FAIR HOUSING OFFICER and COMPLAINT PROCESS for MIFFLIN COUNTY AND ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH OF LEWISTOWN AND THE TOWNSHIPS OF ARMAGH, BROWN, DERRY AND GRANVILLE

This notice will serve to advise all residents of Mifflin County and on behalf of the Borough of Lewistown, and the Townships of Armagh, Brown, Derry and Granville the following actions:

- 1) Restrict a person in any way in access to housing, services, or benefits;
- 2) Afford persons an opportunity to participate in housing, services, or benefits different than that afforded to others;
- 3) Treat a person differently from others in determining whether they satisfy eligibility criteria;
- 4) Provide any housing, services, or benefits to a person differently than to others;
- 5) Use criteria or methods of administration which have the effect of subjecting persons to discrimination or defeating or impairing the objectives of a funded program or activity.

If based on race, color, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), national origin, religion, familial status (families with children), or handicap (disability) is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Act) and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act (PHRA) adds the additional protected classes of age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals are considered discriminatory.

It is also prohibited to threaten, coerce, intimidate, or interfere with anyone exercising a fair housing right or assisting others who exercise the right. Also, retaliation against a person who has filed a fair housing complaint or assisted in a fair housing investigation is prohibited.

If you are a person with a disability or have Limited English Proficiency and require reasonable accommodation or document translation, please contact the below Fair Housing Officer.

All residents are hereby notified, that Cathy Romig is designated as Fair Housing Officer for Mifflin County and on behalf of the Borough of Lewistown, and the Townships of Armagh, Brown, Derry and Granville and that any resident that believes they have been discriminated against under any of the above conditions may file a complaint with the Fair Housing Officer at the following address:

> Cathy Romig, Chief Clerk County of Mifflin 20 North Wayne Street Lewistown, PA 17044 (717) 248-6733 Email: <u>cromig@mifflincountypa.gov</u> www.co.mifflin.pa.us

Or

Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission Harrisburg Regional Office 333 Market Street, 8th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101-2210 (717) 787-9780 TTY: (717) 787-7279

Or

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Philadelphia Regional Office Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity The Strawbridge Building 801 Market Street, 12th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19107-3380 (215) 861-7646 (888) 799-2085 TTY: (800) 877-8339 or (215) 656-3450 Email Civil Right Complaints: <u>ComplaintsOffice03@hud.gov</u>