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CELEBRATE FAIR HOUSING MONTH BY LEARNING YOUR RIGHTS!

GREENSBORO, NC (March 30, 2006) – The City of Greensboro, in partnership with the Greensboro Housing Coalition, will hold a series of events in observance of Fair Housing month in April. On Monday, April 10, the Coalition's Safe & Healthy Homes Initiative will hold a celebration to share information on lead poisoning, landlord/tenant rights, senior resources, code violations, home repairs, quality of life issues and fair housing. The event will begin at noon followed by the official kickoff at 12:15 pm by Mayor Keith Holliday on the Phil J. McDonald Governmental Plaza between the Melvin Municipal Office Building and the old Guilford County Courthouse. For more information, please contact Beth McKee-Huger with the Greensboro Housing Coalition at 691-9521.

In addition, the City will offer four sessions on the Fair Housing Act, who it protects and what to do if discrimination occurs. Landlords, tenants and anyone involved in buying/selling/renting a home or apartment are encouraged to attend. The first session is scheduled for Monday, April 17 at the City Learning Center, 1001 4th Street, from 9 am to noon, and again from 1 pm to 4 pm. The second session is slated for Tuesday, April 25 at the City Learning Center from 9 am to noon, and again from 1 pm to 4 pm. All events are free and open to the public. Spanish speakers are available to any group interested in learning more about fair housing. Individuals interested in learning more about speakers or the fair housing sessions can call Cheryl Gant at 373-2038.

The Federal Fair Housing act was adopted on April 11, 1968 exactly one week after Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated. King's assassination is said to be the impetus that changed legislation and eventually led to the establishment of Fair Housing Month in April.

The City of Greensboro works in partnership with the community to increase the quality of life for all residents by fostering an environment of inclusion, diversity, and trust. As the seventh largest employer in Greensboro, the City has a dedicated professional staff of 2,800 employees who

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maintain four core values of honesty, integrity, stewardship, and respect. The City is governed by a council-manager form of government with a mayor and eight council members. For more information on the City of Greensboro, please visit us online at www.greensboro-nc.gov.

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