

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**    )  
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**COUNTY OF SUMTER**            )  
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**CITY OF SUMTER**                )    **RESOLUTION NUMBER 1025**  
   )    *Designating the Month of April 2026*  
   )    *as Fair Housing Month and the 35<sup>th</sup>*  
   )    *Anniversary of the HOME Program*

**WHEREAS,** Sumter City Council desires that its citizens be offered the opportunity to attain a decent, safe, and sanitary living environment and,

**WHEREAS,** Sumter City Council rejects discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, ancestral status, and disability; and,

**WHEREAS,** Sumter City Council desires that every citizen be offered the opportunity to live in the home of his or her choice; hence, the City of Sumter does not discriminate in its housing practices.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that we the members of Sumter City Council do hereby designate April 2026 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Sumter, State of South Carolina, and recognize this month as the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the HOME Program – Home Investment Partnerships Program. The City of Sumter will continue to promote and advocate fair housing for all of its citizens.

**DONE AND RATIFIED IN COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2026.**

**CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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David P. Merchant, Mayor

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James B. Blassingame, Mayor Pro Tempore

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Calvin K. Hastie, Sr., Councilman

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Colin C. Davis, Councilman

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Gifford M. Shaw, Councilman

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Anthony Gibson, Councilman

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Rebecca Lynn Kennedy, Councilwoman

**ATTEST:**

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Cecilia Newman, City Clerk