NOTICE OF FAIR HOUSING OFFICER AND COMPLAINT PROCESS FOR HUNTINGDON COUNTY AND ON BEHALF OF SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP AND HUNTINGDON BOROUGH

This notice will serve to advise all residents of Huntingdon County and on behalf of Smithfield Township and Huntingdon Borough 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 any complaints regarding a discriminatory action under one of the above conditions may be filed with the:

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

And

Philadelphia Regional Office of FHEO U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development The Strawbridge Building 801 Market Street, 12th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19107-3380 (215) 861-7646 (800) 669-9777 TTY: (215) 656-3450 Email Civil Right Complaints: ComplaintsOffice03@hud.gov

