

Proclamation

WHEREAS, August 22, 2014 marks the 40th anniversary of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG); and April 11, 2014, marked the 46th anniversary of the passage of the U.S. Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, which enunciates a national policy of Fair Housing without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, sex, family status and handicap; and

WHEREAS, The CDBG program provides annual grants to cities, counties and states to develop strong communities by providing equal housing opportunities, a suitable living environment, and opportunities to expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, The City of Sandy Springs is committed to highlighting the Fair Housing Law by continuing to address discrimination in our community, support programs that will educate the public about the right to equal housing opportunities, and to plan partnership efforts with other organizations to help assure every American of their right to fair housing; and

WHEREAS, On March 2, 2010, the Sandy Springs Mayor and City Council adopted the City's first *Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing* study that identified recommendations and actions to promote fair housing; and

WHEREAS, Steps that are underway to accomplish these recommendations include the recognition of the CDBG Program and the Fair Housing Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia do hereby proclaim August 22, 2014 as "***SANDY SPRINGS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FAIR HOUSING DAY***" in the City of Sandy Springs.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, on this 19th day of August, 2014.

Rusty Paul, Mayor