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Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners Proclaims April Fair Housing Month

(Emerald Coast, Fla) – On Tuesday, April 6, 2010, the Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners proclaimed April Fair Housing Month. Gloria Frazier, past president of the Emerald Coast Association of Realtors (ECAR) was on-hand to accept the proclamation.

“I have spent 34 years in real estate and to my knowledge there has never been a complaint filed against a real estate agent in Okaloosa County for Fair Housing,” said Frazier. Addressing the audience, Frazier cautioned, “It doesn’t mean the job is over. It just means that we’re diligent and take this very seriously in our area.”

April marks the 42nd anniversary of the 1968 landmark Fair Housing Act. Each year Realtors recognize the significance of this event and reconfirm their commitment to upholding fair housing law as well as their commitment to offering equal professional service to all in search for real property. “The Emerald Coast Association of Realtors is proud to join communities and organizations across the country in recognizing Fair Housing Month,” stated ECAR President Mary Anne Windes.

“The Fair Housing Act makes it illegal to discriminate based on race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability, or familial status,” continued Windes, broker-owner of Real Estate Professionals of Destin.

Under the Fair Housing Act, sellers, buyers, and real estate professionals have rights and responsibilities. Home sellers have a responsibility and a requirement under the law not to discriminate in the sale, rental, and financing of property. Sellers may not instruct a real estate agent to convey any limitations in the sale or rental, because the real estate professional is also bound by law not to discriminate. Buyers have the right to expect that housing will be available without discrimination or other limitations based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin.

For more information on the Fair Housing Act, go to www.hud.gov/fairhousing. To learn more about the Emerald Coast Association of Realtors, check out www.EmeraldCoastRealtors.com.



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