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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Tucson Association of Realtors® Commemorates the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act April is National Fair Housing Month**

TUCSON, Ariz. (March 28, 2018) – For decades, Realtors® – members of the National Association of Realtors® – have supported a free, open market that embraces fairness and equal opportunity for all buyers and sellers. Members of the Tucson Association of Realtors® strongly support the Fair Housing Act, legislation first passed in 1968 and now prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status and national origin.

This year, Realtors® from Tucson have joined Realtors® across the country embarking on a yearlong commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act to raise awareness for fair housing issues.

“Realtors® continue to recognize the significance of this important act and reconfirm our commitment to upholding fair housing law, as well as our commitment to offering equal professional service to all in their search for a home or property. Realtors® work hard to build strong communities and neighborhoods where all people can live and prosper,” said Ginny Huffman, 2018 President of the Tucson Association of Realtors®. Over the years, NAR has developed educational information on diversity and fair housing laws, programs and resources that have helped educate Realtors® across the country on the importance of inclusive housing practices and the promotion of diverse homeownership. During the yearlong commemoration, NAR continues to examine community fair housing issues and advocate for changes to the Fair Housing Act to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Realtors® have been focusing on three key elements in 2018: acknowledging the organization’s changing role in the fight for fair housing, understanding how we as a nation are constantly improving our commitment to fair housing and ways Realtors® strive to lead efforts to address fair housing policy issues.

“Fair housing protects the American Dream of homeownership for all citizens, and Tucson Association of Realtors® looks forward to commemorating April as Fair Housing Month,” said. Ginny Huffman.

Tucson Association of REALTORS® encourages its members to increase their professional knowledge and expertise by offering relevant monthly classes. For National Fair Housing Month the Association will provide for “Fair Housing – Treasured Generations” for its members on April 19. Extensive consumer resources regarding fair housing are available on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development website at [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

The Tucson Association of REALTORS® (TAR) represents the interests of more than 5,100 professionals in Southern Arizona as the Voice of the Real Estate Industry. Additional information is available at [www.tucsonrealtors.org](http://www.tucsonrealtors.org).

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