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MEDIA RELEASE

Dubuque Human Rights Commission to Hold Fair Housing Forum April 12

April is nationally recognized as Fair Housing Month. The Dubuque Human Rights Commission will be conducting a public forum on **Monday, April 12, from 7-9 PM at the Multicultural Family Center, 1157 Central Avenue.** The purpose of the forum will be to offer residents the opportunity to comment on the status of fair housing in Dubuque to discuss any barriers people face, to discuss how best to prevent any future discrimination, and to address the most pressing obstacles. Fair housing means all persons have equal opportunity to be considered for rental units, purchase of property, housing loans, property insurance, or other housing services without regard for race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, mental disability, physical disability, and familial status (presence of children).

The forum will ask residents to address the following three questions:

1. How frequently are people in Dubuque discriminated against in housing because of race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, familial status (presence of children in the home), or religion?
2. If so, what can the community do to prevent future discrimination?
3. What would you like the Human Rights Commission to do to address these issues?

Comments regarding these questions can be presented orally or in written form at the public forum, or submitted by April 12 to Kelly Larson at humanrgt@cityofdubuque.org or by regular mail c/o Dubuque Human Rights Commission, 1300 Main Street, Dubuque, IA 52001. Comments will be summarized with a final report available in May, and will be used by the Human Rights Commission for future planning.