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### THE GULF COAST FAIR HOUSING HOSTS VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

In celebration of Fair Housing Month, The Gulf Coast Fair Housing Center (GCFHC) will host a voter registration drive on Friday, April 24, 2009 at the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Gulfport from 2-6 p.m. The purpose of the drive is to empower local residents through inclusion in the political process. Registration takes less than three minutes and all residents who are not currently registered to vote are encouraged to do so.

“The right to vote is the fundamental tool citizens have for change in their communities. If we want to build a more equitable Gulf Coast with inclusive housing, one of the first steps is registering residents to vote,” states Kelli Pribanic, GCFHC Education and Outreach Coordinator.

Fair housing laws protect individuals from discrimination based on their race, color, sex, national origin, religion, disability and/or familial status (families with children) in any housing transaction. In April advocates commemorate the federal Fair Housing Act, which was passed on April 11, 1968, just seven days after the assassination of civil rights leader and fair housing advocate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

GCFHC is dedicated to eliminating housing discrimination and furthering equal housing opportunities through education, outreach, advocacy, and enforcement of fair housing laws across the Mississippi Gulf Coast. For more information on the voter registration dive or the mission of fair housing, contact the Gulf Coast Fair Housing Center at 228-396-4008 or via email at [kpribanic@makeitfair.com](mailto:kpribanic@makeitfair.com).

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*The Gulf Coast Fair Housing Center (GCFHC) is a private non-profit organization. GCFHC was established by a group of concerned Gulf Coast citizens in 2003 with the help of the National Fair Housing Alliance. GCFHC is dedicated to eliminating housing discrimination and furthering equal housing opportunities through education, outreach, advocacy, and enforcement of fair housing laws across the Mississippi Gulf Coast.*