

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

City of Eugene, Oregon

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** The month of April has been designated as Fair Housing Month by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity; and
- WHEREAS:** The Fair Housing Act enacted on April 11, 1968 prohibits discriminatory housing practices; and
- WHEREAS:** The Fair Housing Act ensures all individuals regardless of sex, race, color, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, marital status, lawful source of income, age, ancestry, familial status or domestic abuse, sexual assault and stalking victims, receive equitable treatment in the pursuit of their housing choices; and
- WHEREAS:** In addition to federal Fair Housing laws, Oregon civil rights statutes and Eugene city code state it is unlawful to discriminate based on race, religion, color, sex, national origin, ethnicity, marital status, familial status, domestic partnership status, age, sexual orientation, source of income, or because an individual is a person with a disability; and
- WHEREAS:** Members of protected classes are increasingly and disproportionately more vulnerable to displacement, poor quality housing, and barriers to opportunity due to rising housing costs, and
- WHEREAS:** The impacts of barriers to housing negatively impact household social, economic and personal health; and
- WHEREAS:** Solutions to creating and protecting housing choice require all programs of government to affirmatively address the removal of barriers to housing choice; and
- WHEREAS:** The Fair Housing Act as enhanced by Executive Order 12892, as amended, requires federal agencies to affirmatively further fair housing and access to opportunity in their programs and activities; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Eugene, as a recipient of Federal Funding, extends the obligation to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing and access to opportunity to all departments, their partners, programs, activities and funding; and
- WHEREAS:** April 11, 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the signing of Title VIII of the federal Civil Rights Act (the Federal Fair Housing Act) of 1968, and the 30th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lucy Vinis, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon, do hereby proclaim April 2018 to be

“Fair Housing Month”

in Eugene, and encourage all residents to observe this month by joining the effort to promote fair housing for all.



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April 11, 2018