

Portland Fair Housing Month Proclamation April 2021

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act, enacted on April 11, 1968 was adopted to prohibit discriminatory housing practices, undo racial segregation patterns, and provide equal access to housing opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, in Portland, the combined Federal, State, and local civil rights laws protect people from housing discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, gender, familial status, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, source of income, military status, gender identity, ethnicity, or history of domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, decades of intentional and unintentional government action, combined with systemic inequities across all sectors, have created a need for displacement prevention and mitigation policies; and

WHEREAS, this year Portland prioritized displacement mitigation strategies such as a moratorium of evictions, direct assistance to our communities, and leadership from those most impacted; and

WHEREAS, despite these legal protections and strategies, Portland residents and communities are at risk of displacement more than ever before; and

WHEREAS, Fair Housing month is an opportunity to reflect on our successes and on our failures to build resilient, inclusive communities.

WHEREAS, we celebrate the passage of the Fair Housing Act, let us recommit ourselves to eliminating discrimination in housing by better understanding the barriers to housing choice; acknowledging the intersection of health, economic and housing inequities; dedicating resources to meaningfully address disparities; adopting policies that support our community's most vulnerable residents; measuring the impacts of our efforts; and creating more housing that welcomes and celebrates people of all abilities, races, cultures, and incomes;

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim April 2021 to be **Fair Housing Month**

in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this month by joining the citywide effort to realize equal housing opportunity for all.