

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Recognizing April as Fair Housing Month in Multnomah County

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. April 11, 2018 marked the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968, and the 30th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988.
- b. The Fair Housing Act was enacted to prohibit discriminatory housing practices and undo racial housing segregation patterns and to ensure all individuals regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, familial status or disability receive equitable treatment in the pursuit of their housing choices.
- c. In addition to federal fair housing laws, state and local laws make it unlawful to discriminate based on marital status, sexual orientation, source of income (including housing assistance), military status, gender identity, ethnicity, or history of domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault.
- d. Members of protected classes are increasingly and disproportionately more vulnerable to homelessness, displacement, poor quality housing, and barriers to opportunity due to racial segregation, employment discrimination, housing discrimination and rising housing costs.
- e. The impacts of barriers to housing choice and racial segregation patterns negatively impact social, educational, economic and personal health outcomes.
- f. Furthering fair housing means proactively understanding which communities experience social, economic, and policy barriers to housing choice, and why, offering meaningful resources and policies to address those disparities, measuring the impacts of our actions, and holding ourselves accountable.
- g. Multnomah County, as a recipient of federal funding, acknowledges and embraces its obligation to further fair housing and actively promote genuine housing opportunities for all County residents.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

1. April 2018 to be Fair Housing Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.
2. Fair Housing Month encourages all residents to observe this month by joining the effort to promote fair housing for all.

ADOPTED this 19th day of April, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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