

Portland Fair Housing Month Proclamation April 12th 2017

WHEREAS, our community is committed to equal opportunity and housing choice for all; and

WHEREAS this year immigrants, refugees, people of color, and religious minority community members are facing unacceptable harassment and discrimination that impede their housing and civil rights; and

WHEREAS low-income community members are increasingly more likely to experience substandard housing and community conditions due to economic displacement; and

WHEREAS, under federal Fair Housing law, it is illegal for a landlord or real estate agent to treat anyone differently because of immigration status, national origin, race, color, religion, sex, disability, or familial status; and

WHEREAS, in addition to federal Fair Housing laws, Oregon civil rights statutes and Portland city code state it is unlawful to discriminate on the basis of marital status, sexual orientation, source of income (including housing assistance), military status, gender identity, or history of domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, the theme of Portland's Fair Housing Month is "Hate has no place in housing" and the Fair Housing Council of Oregon's annual poster contest is, "It's fun having all kinds of neighbors"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland and its partners are working together to stop hate in housing by educating all members of the community about how harassment is a violation of Fair Housing rights, how discrimination harms communities, and how housing choice for everyone benefits the whole city; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Housing Bureau is working with policy makers, renters and landlords to increase housing choice citywide and prevent displacement of low-income renters; and

WHEREAS, 2017 marks the 49th anniversary of the signing of Title VIII of the federal Civil Rights Act (the Federal Fair Housing Act) of 1968, and the 29th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988; and

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim April 2017 to be

Fair Housing Month

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

Proclaim April 2017 to be Fair Housing Month in Portland (Proclamation
introduced by Mayor Wheeler)

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