

# Whereas

*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,* despite these legal protections, Portland has not yet succeeded in eliminating discriminatory housing practices, removing patterns of racial segregation, and providing equitable access to opportunity, as is evidenced by our racial homeownership gap; and

*Whereas,* Portland will only be successful in providing equal housing opportunity with the commitment, involvement, and support of all city bureaus, agencies, elected officials, and residents; and

*Whereas,* housing is essential to the quality of life and success of all residents, and is the foundation of health, household stability, access to education, and the ability to seek and retain employment; and

*Whereas,* Portland has a diverse population with a variety of housing needs, our city must provide the range of housing types related to size, location, tenure, and cost to support the diverse housing needs of our residents; and

*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; 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 2019 to be

*Fair Housing Month*

in Portland, and encourage all residents to observe this month.

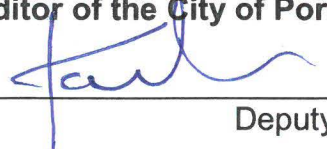
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(Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler)

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