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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

decades of intentional and unintentional government action, combined with market forces, have created an urgent

Whereas,

and long-term need for displacement prevention and mitigation policies; and Whereas,

this year Portland prioritized displacement mitigation strategies for renters such as a moratorium on evictions, low-barrier screening options, security deposit protections, new affordable housing resources, and leadership from those most impacted; and

Whereas, despite these legal protections and policies, Portland residents, communities, and institutions are increasingly being

pushed out by the economic and social forces of displacement according to the 2018 State of Housing Report, there were no neighborhoods in Portland affordable to Black and Indigenous families based on the median family income, and severe rent burden puts households at risk of displacement and homelessness; and

Whereas, the housing state of emergency is made significantly worse by the COVID 19 pandemic, this crisis and ongoing displacement especially impacts protected classes and vulnerable populations such as children, the elderly, and disabled while stressing the health and wellbeing of everyone; and

Whereas,

our city must enforce legal protections put in place to prevent worsening of the public health crisis and state of housing emergency for our diverse population and needs; Fair Housing month is an opportunity to reflect on our actions and demand more action; 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, 1, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim April 2020 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.

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Proclaim April 2020 to be Fair Housing Month (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler)

April 22, 2020

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1. Fritz		
2. Vacant		
3. Hardesty		
4. Eudaly		
Wheeler		



### Portland Housing Bureau Mayor Ted Wheeler • Director Shannon Callahan

# Fair Housing Month April 2020

Director Shannon Callahan Portland Housing Bureau April 22, 2020

## Together we make a neighborhood.



- Planning
- Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing
- Rental Services
- Fair Housing Testing
- Landlord and Tenant law education
- Fair Housing enforcement and legal service
- Preference Policy for historically displaced households

#### • Homeownership Services

• Preference Policy for first-time homebuyers

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#### Fair Housing Tasks 2020-2021

- Fair Housing Advocacy Committee
- Consortium Citizen Participation Plan
- Fair Housing Analysis of Impediments
- Regional five-year Fair Housing plan
- Consolidated Plan, the regional five-year federal funding plan

Fair Housing planning, led by the City of Portland, is a multijurisdictional effort of the City of Gresham, Multnomah County, Home Forward, with their many organizational partners and advocates.



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