

# Whereas

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

*Whereas,* the theme of Portland's Fair Housing Month is "Fairness Matters", along with this year's National theme "Our Work Today Defines Our Tomorrow"; and

*Whereas,* the City of Portland and its partners are working together to combat discrimination and other impediments to housing choice; and

*Whereas,* the City Council adopted Portland's first-ever Fair Housing Action Plan in September 2011 and established a Fair Housing Advocacy Committee to oversee its implementation; and

*Whereas,* the Plan calls for a combination of enhanced outreach and education, increased testing and enforcement, and an expanded supply of affordable housing options; and

*Whereas,* the Portland Housing Bureau is working with landlords and tenants to increase choices for low-income renters citywide; and

*Whereas,* under federal fair housing laws, Oregon civil rights statutes, and Portland city code, it is unlawful to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, source of income, military status, gender identity, or history as a victim of domestic violence; and

*Whereas,* 2013 marks the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of Title VIII of the federal Civil Rights Act (the Federal Fair Housing Act), and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988; and

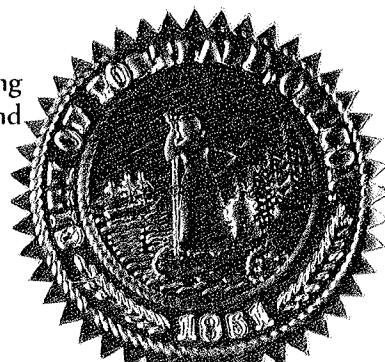
*Whereas,* the Fair Housing Act Amendments banned discrimination against families with children and people with physical or mental disabilities and strengthened enforcement of the law;

*Now, therefore,* I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim April 2013 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, because "Fairness Matters" and "Our Work Today Defines Our Tomorrow."

*Charlie Hales*



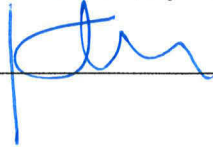
Proclaim April 2013 to be Fair Housing Month in Portland (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Hales)

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