

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"; 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 choice 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, 2014 marks the 46th anniversary of the signing of Title VIII of the federal Civil Rights Act (the Federal Fair Housing Act) of 1968, and the 26th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988; and

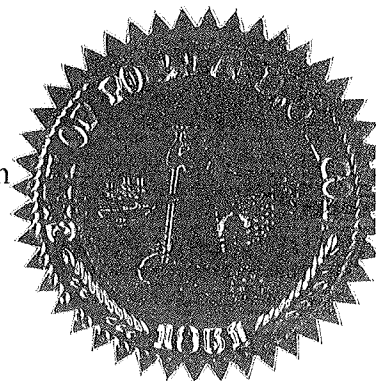
Whereas, the Fair Housing Act Amendments banned discrimination against families with children and people with physical or mental disabilities and strengthened enforcement of the law;

Now, therefore, I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim April 2014 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".

Charlie Hales



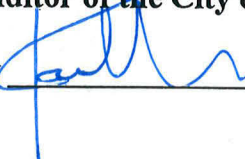
Proclaim April 2014 to be Fair Housing Month in Portland (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Hales and Commissioner Saltzman)

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AFFIRMED

Filed APR 04 2014

LaVonne Griffin-Valade
Auditor of the City of Portland

By 

Affirmed Proclamation

COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	✓	
3. Saltzman	✓	
4. Novick	✓	
Hales	✓	