

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

Whereas, the theme of Portland's Fair Housing Month is "Overcoming and Mitigating Disparate Impacts", along with this year's National Fair Housing Month theme, "Fair Housing is your right: use it!", and

Whereas, the City of Portland and its partners are working together to combat discrimination, disparate impacts, 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, an expanded supply of quality affordable housing options, mitigation of displacement, and increased inter-bureau coordination; 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, age over 18, type of occupation, or history as a victim of domestic violence; and

Whereas, housing and Urban Development memo of 2001 states, "Actions to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing should further practices of the Fair Housing Act by actively promoting wider housing opportunity for all persons while maintaining a non-discriminatory environment in all aspects of public and private housing markets"; and

Whereas, Executive Order 12892, as amended, requires federal agencies to affirmatively further fair housing in their programs and activities; and

Whereas, 2015 marks the 47th anniversary of the signing of Title VIII of the federal Civil Rights Act (the Federal Fair Housing Act) of 1968, and the 27th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988;

Now, therefore, I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim April 2015 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, "Fair Housing is your right: Use it!"





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City Council
Agenda Item
Staff Supplemental Report

TO: Commissioner Dan Saltzman
VIA: Shannon Callahan

FROM: Kim McCarty, PHB Program Coordinator

DATE: April 2, 2015

RE: Proclamation of Fair Housing month in April 2015.

The Fair Housing Advocacy Committee of the City of Portland, City of Gresham and Multnomah County are asking the Mayor to proclaim April as Fair Housing month. The national theme of this year's Fair Housing month is, "Fair Housing is your right: Use it!" and the theme of Portland's Fair Housing month is, "Overcoming and Mitigating Disparate Impacts."

Two winners of the annual Fair Housing Council of Oregon poster contest will be acknowledged in the presentation of the proclamation.

Proclaim April 2015 to be Fair Housing Month in Portland (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Hales and Commissioner Saltzman)

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MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland

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3. Saltzman		
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