

Bismarck

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, one of the greatest freedoms enjoyed by Americans is the freedom to live in a home of one's choice; and

WHEREAS, this promise made to us the Fair Housing Act which requires that all people be treated equally in connection with the sale or rental of housing regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, familial status or religion and in North Dakota receipt of public assistance, marital status and age; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 53rd anniversary of the Federal Fair Housing Act, the original legislation targeting the elimination of housing discrimination in America and promoting residential integration; and

WHEREAS, April has been designated Fair Housing Month since the adoption of fair housing legislation in April, 1968 and is the time each year when the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, High Plains Fair Housing Center, and other groups organize events and activities to focus attention on the issue of equal opportunity in housing; and

WHEREAS each resident of the City of Bismarck North Dakota is urged to support efforts to put into practice the principles of freedom, justice, and equality that this great nation was founded during the nationwide observance of Fair Housing Month.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Steve Bakken, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 as **FAIR HOUSING MONTH** in the City of Bismarck and urge all citizens to honor and abide by the letter and the spirit of the Fair Housing Law.

Signed this 23rd day of March 2021.

Steve Bakken, Mayor
Board of City Commissioners