

The City of Holland, Michigan



Proclamation

WHEREAS, April 11, 2022, marks the 54th anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, also known as the Fair Housing Act, which created national policy for fair housing; and

WHEREAS, The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, and disability, and commits recipients of federal funding to affirmatively further fair housing in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Michigan affirm and reinforce this policy; and

WHEREAS, City of Holland Ordinance No. 1784, adopted by this City Council on August 8, 2020, reading in part: *"No person or persons shall discriminate against any person or persons within the City regarding: ...the advertising, listing, showing, inspection, negotiation, purchase, sale, exchange, ownership, or financing an interest in real property or the leasing or occupancy of real property; ... on the basis of age, race, national origin, color, disability, education, familial status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, height, marital status, religion, source of income or weight."* Demonstrating the City of Holland's commitment to fair housing; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the City's mission to maximize livability, the Human Relations Commission works to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in housing by partnering with the Fair Housing Center of West Michigan, Good Samaritan Ministries, Community Action House, Lakeshore Disability Network, Legal Aid of West Michigan, and Mediation Services to advocate on behalf of city residents who face housing discrimination; and

WHEREAS, through its Tenant/Landlord and Fair Housing community trainings, the City joins the state and federal government in educating community leaders, property management, and housing associations regarding fair housing laws and policies to bring education and awareness of housing discrimination and fair housing laws; and

WHEREAS, our social fabric, the economy, health, and environment are strengthened in diverse, inclusive communities and yet more than fifty years after the passage of the Fair Housing Act, barriers to equal housing opportunity persist throughout our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nathan Bocks, Mayor of the City of Holland, Michigan, and members of the Holland City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2022

Fair Housing Month

In the City of Holland, an inclusive community committed to fair housing, and to promoting appropriate activities by private and public entities to provide and advocate for equal housing opportunities for all current and prospective city residents.



Given under my hand and the seal of the
City of Holland, this 13th of April 2022

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "N. Bocks", is written over the printed name of the Mayor.

Mayor Nathan Bocks