

# The City of Holland, Michigan



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, housing access and opportunity is critical for families and represents a measure of community stability, health, and economic prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, The Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the Fair Housing Amendments of 1988 made discrimination in housing transactions unlawful by prohibiting discrimination in housing transactions because of race or color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, and familial status; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Holland demonstrates its extended commitment to fair housing through Ordinance No. 1784 which states that no person or persons shall discriminate against any person or persons within the City specifically in the areas of 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 or color, national origin, disability, marital status, education, familial status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, height, weight, marital status, religion, and source of income; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Human Relations and the Community Neighborhood teams serve the residents of Holland by investigating and advocating for fair housing law and providing thorough inspections consistent with state law requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, in keeping with the City's mission to maximize livability, the city works with the Fair Housing Center of West Michigan to further our commitment to fair housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fair Housing Center of West Michigan in the last five years has opened over 86,000 housing units from discrimination throughout the lakeshore region; and

**WHEREAS**, we continue to be committed to fair housing serving as strong advocates in equal housing opportunities for all current and prospective residents in law and deed.

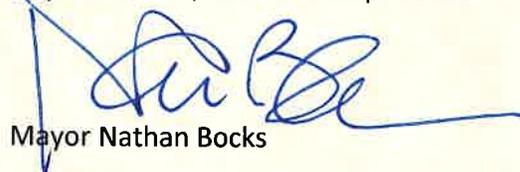
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nathan Bocks, Mayor of the City of Holland, Michigan, and members of the Holland City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 as

### Fair Housing Month

The City of Holland joins the State of Michigan and our nation to celebrate the 55th Anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act that open access and opportunity in housing where families thrive as we continue to build upon our community stability, health, and prosperity.



Given under my hand and the seal of the  
City of Holland, this 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2023

  
Mayor Nathan Bocks