

## TOWN OF BLUFFTON Fair Housing Month Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** April 11, 2024, marks the 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act, as amended, which guarantees fair housing opportunities for all Americans; and

**WHEREAS,** the principle of fair housing is not only state and national law and policy, but a fundamental human concept and entitlement for all citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Bluffton desires that all its citizens be afforded the opportunity to attain a decent, safe, and sound living environment; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Bluffton rejects discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, and/or family status in the sale, rental, or provision of other housing services; and

**WHEREAS,** as a community we welcome all good neighbors, recognizing the contributions and richness tendered by a wide variety of young and old, male and female, people of all colors, ethnic backgrounds, and religious traditions; and

**WHEREAS,** interested parties from both the private and public sectors will participate in a town, state and national effort to promote fair housing.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Larry C. Toomer, Mayor of Bluffton along with Bluffton Town Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024 as "FAIR HOUSING MONTH" in the Town of Bluffton to establish Bluffton as an inclusive community committed to fair housing for all residents and prospective residents of Bluffton.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

Larry C. Toomer, Mayor Bluffton, South Carolina