

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

PROCLAMATION

Fair Housing Month: April 2026

The Fair Housing Act, enacted on April 11, 1968, enshrined into federal law the goal of eliminating racial segregation and ending housing discrimination in the United States.

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.

Columbia Heights is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all.

Our social fabric, the economy, health, and environment are strengthened in diverse, inclusive communities.

More than fifty years after the passage of the Fair Housing Act, discrimination persists, and many communities remain segregated.

Acts of housing discrimination and barriers to equal housing opportunity are repugnant to a common sense of decency and fairness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor of Columbia Heights, do hereby declare the month of April 2026 as **Fair Housing Month**.

I further declare, Columbia Heights as 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 residents and prospective residents of Columbia Heights.

Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor
April 13, 2026