

Proclamation

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of April marks the anniversary of the passage of the Federal Fair Housing Law of 1968, recognizing that no American should have their right to purchase or rent shelter of choice abridged because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, equality of opportunity for all is a fundamental policy of this nation and the City of Grand Rapids; and

WHEREAS, the location where people live has a direct impact on the quality of their health, education and access to economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, historical racial discriminatory housing practices have created racial and economic segregation in communities that have created disparate outcomes in overall quality of life, including access to homeownership, quality education, healthcare, and transportation as a few examples; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Rapids is committed to promoting housing choices and fostering inclusive communities, free from housing discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the City Council establishes the City of Grand Rapids as an inclusive community committed to fair housing by applying this to its housing programs and services; and promotes appropriate activities by private and public entities intended to provide or advocate for equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of Grand Rapids.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Grand Rapids, hereby proclaims the month of April 2026 to be Fair Housing Month in the City of Grand Rapids, County of Itasca, State of Minnesota, USA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto subscribed my name and the seal of the City of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, this 23rd day of March, Two thousand twenty-six.

Tasha Connelly, Mayor
City of Grand Rapids