

## RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4

### A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING FAIR HOUSING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**WHEREAS**, 2023 marked the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the effort to create equal housing opportunities for all people is encouraged at every level of government; and

**WHEREAS**, it is an important goal of our government to eliminate housing discrimination and assure the rights of every citizen to buy, rent, and sell housing, without regard to race, color, sex, religion, familial status, national origin or disability; and

**WHEREAS**, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act and Presidential Executive Order 12892 describes the obligation to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH); and

**WHEREAS**, it is a goal of the City of Willowick to accord residents with an enhanced quality of life through the development of opportunities in housing, employment, education and services by the implementation of plans that assure all people are afforded their rights thus fostering open inclusive communities; and

**WHEREAS**, as an applicant or potential recipient of federal funds, the City of Willowick agrees that it will take specified actions to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH) and that the City to the best of its knowledge and belief asserts that that all policies and practices adopted and in place are in conformance with applicable fair housing law and that prior to May 21, 2019 any outstanding civil rights matters are resolved per HUD Docket No. FR-5800-N-01 Section III-C.2b ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION-Threshold Requirements; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Council of the City of Willowick:

**Section 1.** The City hereby recognizes the duty to affirmatively support Fair Housing within the City of Willowick.

**Section 2.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were conducted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such actions were conducted in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 123 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick.

**Section 3.** This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety by the City and for the further reason that it is necessary to provide for the orderly submission of grants for funding of municipal departments;

Wherefore this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

**PASSED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

**SUBMITTED** to the Mayor for his approval  
on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

**ATTEST:**

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**Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council**

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**Monica Koudela, President of Council**

**APPROVED** by the Mayor on  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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**Michael J. Vanni, Mayor**