

RESOLUTION NO. 2026- 18

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FAIR HOUSING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, 2026 marks the 58th Anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act; commonly referred to as the Fair Housing Act (of 1968); and

WHEREAS, the effort to create equal housing opportunities for all people is encouraged at every level so that the rights of every person to buy, rent, and sell housing, without regard to race, color, sex, religion, familial status, national origin, or disability is assured; and

WHEREAS, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act initially described the obligation to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH); and

WHEREAS, civil rights and fair housing statutes and regulations are like an umbrella, intended to protect individuals from discrimination in housing, employment, through business opportunities such as contracting, or through other benefits created by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) projects; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing is shared by HUD entitlement jurisdictions and other entities using CDBG or HOME funds as delineated in HUD website and Federal Register 2025-03360; and

WHEREAS, the City agrees that it is important to eliminate housing discrimination and promote civil rights and economic opportunity through housing; and

WHEREAS, as an applicant or potential recipient of federal funds the City certifies that it will affirmatively further fair housing and take any action that is rationally related to promoting one or more attributes of fair housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Willowick, in the County of Lake, State of Ohio, as follows:

SECTION 1. The City of Willowick, Ohio recognizes the broad duty to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing and the Month of April as Fair Housing Month in Lake County, Ohio.

SECTION 2. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this legislation were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 3. This resolution is deemed to be an emergency for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City, as it ensures the City's eligibility for federal funding by affirming its commitment to fair housing practices, and shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED: _____, 2026

Monica Koudela, President of Council

SUBMITTED to the Mayor for his approval on _____, 2026

APPROVED by the Mayor on _____, 2026

ATTEST:
