

# FAIR HOUSING PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, April 2008 marks the 40th anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act; and

**WHEREAS**, The Idaho Human Rights Commission Act has prohibited discrimination in housing since 1969; and

**WHEREAS**, The Moscow Fair Housing Commission serves to advocate for and to assist the City Council in promoting fair and affordable housing opportunities in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Providing equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, color, religion, gender, disability, familial status, age, sexual orientation, ancestry or national origin, is a fundamental goal of our city; and

**WHEREAS**, Equal access to housing is an important component of this goal - as fundamental as the right to equal education and employment; and

**WHEREAS**, Housing is a critical component of family and community health and stability; and

**WHEREAS**, Housing choice impacts our children's access to education, our ability to seek and retain employment options, the cultural benefits we enjoy, the extent of our exposure to crime and drugs, and the quality of health care we receive in emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, The laws of this nation and our state seek to ensure such equality of choice for all transactions involving housing; and

**WHEREAS**, Ongoing education, outreach and monitoring are key to raising awareness of fair housing principals, practices, rights and responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Only through continued cooperation, commitment and support of all Idahoans can barriers to fair housing be removed;

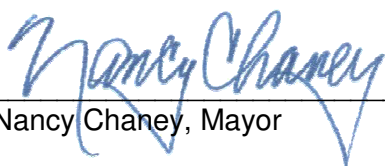
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nancy Chaney, Mayor of the city of Moscow, do hereby proclaim April 2008, to be

## ***FAIR HOUSING MONTH***

in the city of Moscow, and I urge all citizens to recognize Fair Housing Month and to support efforts toward fair and affordable housing in our community.

DATED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2008.



  
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Nancy Chaney, Mayor