

## ***FAIR HOUSING PROCLAMATION***

**WHEREAS,** April 2019 marks the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act; and

**WHEREAS,** discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender or national origin in the sale, rental, leasing or financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services is prohibited by Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act (Federal Fair Housing Law), and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 expands coverage to include disabled persons and families with children; and

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

**WHEREAS,** City has determined that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and/or gender identity/expression shall be prohibited pursuant to Moscow City Code Title 10, Chapter 19, in order to help ensure that all persons are afforded equal opportunities in housing; and

**WHEREAS,** equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, national origin, or sexual orientation and/or gender identity/expression 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 principles, practices, rights, and responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS,** the mission of the City's Fair and Affordable Housing Commission includes researching, analyzing, and recommending to the Mayor and Council ways in which the City may further fair housing practices; and

**WHEREAS,** among the duties of the Fair and Affordable Housing Commission are to review the City Code Analysis and Impediments to Fair Housing and Action Plan each year, and to recommend changes as it may deem necessary; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Bill Lambert, Mayor for the City of Moscow, do hereby proclaim April 2019, to be

### ***FAIR HOUSING MONTH***

in the City of Moscow, and I urge all citizens to support programs and policies that prevent or eliminate discriminatory housing practices.



DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> of April, 2019

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Bill Lambert, Mayor