

# FAIR HOUSING PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April 2016 marks the 48th 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, equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin, is a fundamental goal of our nation, state and city; and

WHEREAS, equal access to housing is an important component of that goal, as fundamental as rights to equal education and employment; and

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

WHEREAS, housing choice influences people's exposure to crime and drugs, and their access to education, employment, social and cultural resources, and health care; and

WHEREAS, we have enacted laws to ensure equality of choice for all transactions involving housing; 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, ongoing education, monitoring, and public outreach are keys to raising awareness of fair housing principles, practices, rights, and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, barriers to fair housing will only be eradicated through broad-based and consistent cooperation, commitment, and support;


**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lambert, Mayor for the City of Moscow, do hereby proclaim April 2016, to be

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



DATED this 7<sup>th</sup> of March, 2016

  
Bill Lambert, Mayor