

## FAIR HOUSING PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, April 2018 marks the 50<sup>th</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**, 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 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 2018, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, 2018

  
Bill Lambert, Mayor