

The City of Holland, Michigan



Proclamation

WHEREAS, April 11, 2025, marks the 57th anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, also known as the Fair Housing Act, which created national policy for fair housing for all who live in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status and disability, and commits recipients of federal funding to affirmatively further fair housing in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act prohibits discrimination based on age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and further prohibits source of income discrimination in rental housing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Holland has a long history of fair housing advocacy protecting source of income, and decades later sexual orientation, gender expression and gender identity ahead of state adoption; and

WHEREAS, City of Holland Ordinance No. 1784, adopted by this City Council on August 8, 2020, reading in part: *"No person or persons shall discriminate against any person or persons within the City regarding:... the advertising, listing, showing, inspection, negotiation, purchase, sale, exchange, ownership, or financing an interest in real property or the leasing or occupancy of real property; ...on the basis of age, race national origin, color, disability, education, familial status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, height, marital status, religion, source of income or weight."*; and

WHEREAS, we as a city recognize organizations throughout our community, both private and nonprofits, housing professionals, whether they be realtors or the banks that work tirelessly to make housing a reality for many.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nathan Bocks, Mayor of the City of Holland, Michigan, and members of the Holland City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025 as

Fair Housing Month

We invite residents to attend the Fair Housing Center of West Michigan's 37th *Annual Fair Housing Workshop Series* and local events being hosted to celebrate and learn about Fair Housing and how we can work together to continue to widen the path for housing access and opportunity.



Given under my hand and the seal of the
City of Holland, this 2nd day of April 2025

Mayor Nathan Bocks