

WHEREAS, On April 11, 1968 the federal Fair Housing Act was enacted into law, recognizing that no American should have their right to purchase or rent shelter of choice abridged by their race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, the year 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of this monumental civil rights act of Congress; and

WHEREAS, Clark County is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all and equality of opportunity is a fundamental policy of this county, state, and our nation; and

WHEREAS, where people live directly impacts their quality of health, and education, and access to economic opportunities, and discriminatory housing practices create racial and economic segregation in communities that can lead to disparate outcomes in overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, this Clark County Council believes that fair housing laws have made our community stronger and more vibrant; and

WHEREAS, this Clark County Council is committed to programs that will help educate residents about the right to equal housing in Clark County and the State of Washington, and to promoting housing choices and inclusive communities free from housing discrimination.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Clark County Council hereby recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the Fair Housing Act on April 11, 2018.

Signed this 10th day of April 2018

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