

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on April 11, 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968. The 1968 Act clarified the prohibition of discrimination regarding the sale, rental, and financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin, sex (and as later amended) disability, and family status; and

WHEREAS, it has been 53 years since the enactment of the 1968 Act and the community of Coeur d'Alene continues to work together to uphold the Fair Housing law and the principal of equal opportunity on which it is based; and

WHEREAS, this month is deemed Fair Housing month, and should be a celebration of laws and efforts of citizens to remove impediments to equal housing opportunities, and to emphasize and ensure the rights of all citizens in an effort to provide housing choice; and

WHEREAS, Equal opportunity housing can best be accomplished through leadership, example, education, and the mutual cooperation of all those affiliated with real estate industry and the public; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coeur d'Alene supports the on-going efforts of the many organizations, housing and service providers through continued education, and outreach to affirmatively further fair housing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I STEVE WIDMYER, Mayor of the City of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, do hereby proclaim April, 2021 as

"FAIR HOUSING MONTH"

In Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and ask the people to join in reaffirming their commitment to fair housing opportunities for all and to wholeheartedly recognize these rights throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Coeur d'Alene to be affixed this 6th day of April, 2021.