



AGENDA ITEM

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Reference No: **MO 25-64**

Meeting Date: April 01, 2025

Status: **APPROVED**

Agenda Category: PROCLAMATIONS

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Department(s): Office of Community Development

Presented by: Shannon Wilson, Program Manager, Office of Community Development

Molly Rogers, Director, Department of Housing Services

John Miller, Executive Director, Fair Housing Council of Oregon

Agenda Title:	Proclaim April 2025 Fair Housing Month In Washington County
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REQUESTED ACTION:

Proclaim April 2025 Fair Housing Month in Washington County.

SUMMARY:

The attached proclamation establishes April 2025 as Fair Housing Month in Washington County. Throughout our national history, some groups of people have benefited more from housing opportunities than others. The federal Fair Housing Act, initially adopted in the wake of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and subsequently augmented through amendments to the Act, prohibits discrimination in housing based on seven protected classes: race, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability, and familial status (the presence of children in the household). In addition, Oregon fair housing law guarantees that housing throughout the State of Oregon should be made available to all community members without regard to marital status, sources of income, sexual orientation including gender identity, and survivors of domestic violence.

Recognizing Fair Housing Month in Washington County supports both regional and national efforts to celebrate the strides that have been made as well as recognizes the work that remains to be done.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Community Feedback (Known Support/Opposition):

There is no known opposition to the proclamation.

Legal History/Prior Board Action:

The Board has proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month in Washington County for the last eleven years.

Budget Impacts:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

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Approved by the
Washington County Board of Commissioners
also serving as the governing body of Clean Water Services and all other County Districts



Kevin Moss, Board Clerk

April 1, 2025

Date Signed

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Proclamation

Board of Commissioners for Washington County

FAIR HOUSING MONTH
APRIL 2025

WHEREAS, the year 2025 marks the 57th anniversary of the passage of the Federal Fair Housing Act; Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees that housing throughout the United States should be made available to all community members without regard to race, color, religion, gender, familial status, disability or national origin; and

WHEREAS, Oregon fair housing law guarantees that housing throughout the State of Oregon should be made available to all community members without regard to marital status, sources of income, sexual orientation including gender identity, and survivors of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, equality of opportunity for all is a fundamental policy of this nation, state and county; and

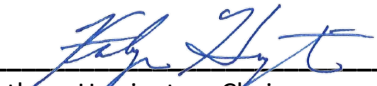
WHEREAS, barriers which diminish the rights and limit the options of any community member will ultimately diminish the rights of all community members; and

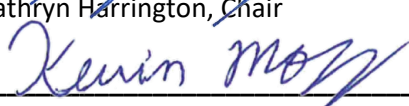
WHEREAS, only with the cooperation, commitment and support from all of the residents of Washington County can barriers to the enjoyment of this and the other aspects of equality of opportunity for all be removed

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Washington County's Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims April 2025 to be FAIR HOUSING MONTH and encourages all community members to support and endorse Fair Housing, reaffirm their commitment to Fair Housing for all, and wholeheartedly recognize these rights and responsibilities throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Washington County, Oregon to be affixed this 1st day of April 2025.




Kathryn Harrington, Chair


Recording Secretary

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Minute Order