

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-1706

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF APRIL IN 2019 AS "FAIR HOUSING MONTH" IN THE CITY OF FARMINGTON

WHEREAS, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, also known as the Fair Housing Act, was enacted to guarantee the right of equal opportunity to housing for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, April 11, 2019, marks the 51st anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, every April the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development celebrates Fair Housing Month to make the public aware of laws that prohibit discrimination when it comes to housing. Fair Housing Month serves as a reminder that any discrimination in the sale, lease, or rental of housing, or making housing otherwise unavailable, because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or natural origin is illegal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington certifies annually that it will affirmatively further Fair Housing as a condition of receiving Community Development Block Grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington embraces the purpose and goals of the Fair Housing Act and recognizes that achievement of these goals requires the positive commitment, involvement and support of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington Community Relations Commission - an advisory board to the Mayor and City Council, the mission of which is to facilitate and engage in community outreach and education to address issues of culture, race and ethnicity - also embraces the purpose and goals of the Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington is committed to the principles of the Fair Housing Act and will continue to address impediments to fair housing in our community, support programs that will educate the public about the right to equal housing opportunities, and work with other organizations to achieve positive results consistent with these principles.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON:

The City of Farmington, New Mexico does hereby designate April 2019 as "Fair Housing Month" in the City of Farmington, in conjunction with the national celebration of Fair Housing Month.

PASSED, APPROVED, SIGNED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of April, 2019.


Nate Duckett, Mayor

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ATTEST:


Dianne Smylie, City Clerk