

# PROCLAMATION

## MISSOULA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MISSOULA, MONTANA

**WHEREAS,**

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act, which guarantees fair housing for all residents of the United States, was signed into law in April 1968; and

**WHEREAS,**

the month of April is nationally recognized as Fair Housing Month and a time to reflect on and reaffirm our national commitment to the right that fair housing opportunity is available to everyone in the United States without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, and disability; and

**WHEREAS,**

Missoula County and the City of Missoula recognize this legislation endeavors to ensure all our residents are free to purchase, rent, finance and insure their homes without regard to their sex, marital status, race, creed, religion, color, age, familial status, physical or mental disability or national origin; and

**WHEREAS,**

according to the most recent annual report published by HUD, housing discrimination complaints reached the highest level ever recorded in 2023, with more than half of those complaints relating to discrimination on the basis of disability status; and

**WHEREAS,**

reductions to federal funding in recent months are significantly impacting organizations responsible for enforcing the Fair Housing Act, cutting nearly half of the available grants and severely reducing resources for investigating and addressing housing discrimination, thereby weakening protections for our most vulnerable communities; and

**WHEREAS,**

Missoula County and the City of Missoula call for these funds to be reinstated to protect civil rights, ensure housing stability, and uphold the principles of equity and justice for all; and

**WHEREAS,**

Missoula County and the City of Missoula welcome this opportunity to celebrate the 56th anniversary of the adoption of the Fair Housing Act and to rededicate our commitment to the principle of Fair Housing for all by strengthening efforts that address discrimination in our communities, supporting programs that will educate the public concerning their rights to equal housing opportunity and assuring every person their right to live free of the fear of housing discrimination.

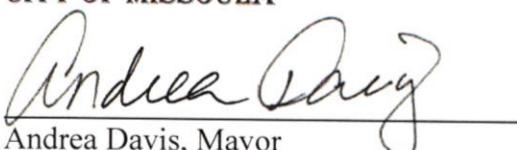
**NOW, THEREFORE,** we, the Missoula County Commissioners in the state of Montana and the Mayor of the City of Missoula, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025 as

## FAIR HOUSING MONTH

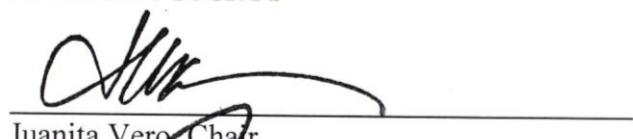
in Missoula, Montana. We encourage all citizens to recognize this celebration for the purpose of improving the quality of life for all residents.

**DATED THIS 27TH DAY OF MARCH 2025**

**CITY OF MISSOULA**

  
Andrea Davis, Mayor

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'**  
**MISSOULA COUNTY**

  
Juanita Vero, Chair

  
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