

Proclamation

Whereas, the City of Belleville finds that safe and affordable housing is part of the American dream and a goal of all Illinois residents; and

Whereas, individuals in the State of Illinois have the right to choose where to live, purchase or rent property without discrimination based on race, color, religion, age, sex, familial status, marital status, national origin/ancestry, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, military status, unfavorable military discharge, and order of protection status; and

Whereas, federal and state laws affirm the right of every person to equal housing opportunity; and

Whereas, fair housing is positive for all communities; and

Whereas, economic stability, community health, and human relations in all communities and the State of Illinois are improved by diversity and integration; and

Whereas, the talents of non-profit organizations, housing service providers, financial institutions, elected officials, state agencies, and others must be combined to promote and preserve integration, fair housing, and equal opportunity; and

Whereas, REALTORS® locally and nationally pledge to provide equal professional service without regard to the race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin of any prospective client, customer, or of the residents of any community; and

Whereas, REALTORS® locally and nationally pledge to affirmatively pursue business practices that will ensure that everyone is welcome, and no one is excluded; and

Whereas, REALTORS® locally and nationally have incorporated affirmative fair housing practices into the REALTOR® code of ethics by which all REALTORS® must abide.

NOW THEREFORE I, Mark W. Eckert, Mayor of the City of Belleville, IL, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2021 as "NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH" in the City of Belleville to establish our community as an open and inclusive community committed to fair housing and to promote appropriate activities by private and public entities intended to provide or advocate for integration and equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of our city.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the corporate seal of the City of Belleville to be affixed this 5th day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.



Mark W. Eckert, Mayor

Dated this 5th day of April, 2021

