

Whereas

Whereas, our community is committed to equal opportunity and housing choice for all; and

Whereas, the theme of this year's National Fair Housing Month is "Live Free"; and

Whereas, the City of Portland and its partners are making a renewed effort to combat illegal housing discrimination and impediments to housing choice; and

Whereas, the City Council adopted Portland's first-ever Fair Housing Action Plan in September 2011 and established a Fair Housing Advocacy Committee to oversee its implementation; and

Whereas, the Portland Housing Bureau is working with tenant groups and landlords to improve the quality and safety of rental apartments; and

Whereas, housing discrimination prevents people from living in homes of their choosing because of their race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, source of income, military status, gender identity, or history as a victim of domestic violence; and

Whereas, under federal fair housing laws, Oregon civil rights statutes, and Portland city code, these forms of discrimination are illegal; and

Whereas, 2012 marks the 44th anniversary of the signing of Title VIII of the Federal Civil Rights Act (the Federal Fair Housing Act), and the 24th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act Amendments;

Now, therefore, I, Sam Adams, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim April 2012 to be

Fair Housing Month

in Portland, and encourage all residents to observe this month by joining the effort to promote fair housing for all.

