

## PROCLAMATION

### April Is Fair Housing Month

**WHEREAS**, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly known has the Fair Housing Act, was enacted into law April 11, 1968, recognizing that no American should have the right to purchase or rent shelter of choice abridged because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity; and

**WHEREAS**, 2018 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this monumental civil rights Act of Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Muscatine is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all; and

**WHEREAS**, equality is a fundamental policy of this nation, state, and our city; and

**WHEREAS**, the Muscatine City Council believes that access to fair housing laws have made our community stronger and more vibrant; and

**WHEREAS**, ongoing education, outreach and monitoring are key to raising awareness of fair housing principals, practices, rights and responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, we are committed to promoting housing choices and fostering inclusive communities free from housing discrimination;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Diana L. Broderson, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, do hereby recognize the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Federal Fair Housing Act and proclaim April 2018 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Muscatine.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto subscribed my name to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

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Diana L. Broderson, Mayor

