

CITY OF
PORTLAND

Whereas

Whereas, illegal housing discrimination occurs when one is prevented from living in a housing or apartment of his or her choice due to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, marital status, physical or mental disability, source of income, sexual orientation, gender identity; and age, and

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

Whereas, our state legislature recently took major strides to bring Oregon's statutes back in line with Federal Fair Housing Laws; and

Whereas, the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries was recently certified to oversee federal fair housing investigations here in Oregon; and

Whereas, the month of April marks the 40th anniversary of Title VIII of the Federal Civil Rights Act;

Now, therefore, I, Mayor Tom Potter, of the City of Portland, hereby proclaim April 2008 as

Fair Housing Month

in Portland, and encourage all residents to join in this observance and further urge that they take increased notice of the housing conditions in their communities and join in the effort to promote fair housing for all.

Tom Potter

