

# CITY OF FRESNO

*Offices of Councilmember Nelson Esparza & Councilmember Tyler Maxwell*

Is hereby presented to:

*Fresno Association of Realtors*

WHEREAS: This year we celebrate the 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act. Enacted on April 11, 1968, the act set forth into federal law the goal of eliminating racial segregation and ending housing discrimination in the United States; and

WHEREAS: The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on race, religion, color, sex, familial status, national origin, and disability, and commits recipients of federal funding to affirmatively further fair housing in their communities. The act aims to protect people from any discrimination they might encounter when they are renting or buying a home, getting a mortgage, seeking housing assistance, or any other housing-related activity; and

WHEREAS: The Fresno Association of Realtors is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all. The association accepts and understands the importance of inclusive communities and is devoted to developing and fostering efforts to provide housing opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS: This month reminds us that housing should be accessible to all. As the City, we must ensure that every one of our residents has the right to be free of any form of discrimination. Throughout history, housing has been used as a tactic to discriminate against minority groups. We saw this and still see this today in minority-based neighborhoods that are often a great distance away from quality schools, public transportation, healthcare facilities, grocery stores, and jobs; and

WHEREAS: Although the federal act was passed over fifty years ago, we acknowledge that many communities across our city, state, and nation continue to have barriers towards access to housing. Our city is devoted to strengthening our diverse population by making sure we move forward in addressing any gaps across access to housing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Councilmember Nelson Esparza, Councilmember Tyler Maxwell, the Fresno City Council, and Mayor Jerry P. Dyer do hereby proclaim, April 2024, as:

## “Fair Housing Month”

in the City of Fresno.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Seal of The City of Fresno, California, on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

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NELSON ESPARZA, COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 7

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TYLER MAXWELL, COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 4

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JERRY P. DYER, HONORABLE MAYOR

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ANNALISA PEREA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT DISTRICT 1

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MIKE KARBASSI, COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT DISTRICT 2

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MIGUEL ARIAS, COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 3

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LUIS CHAVEZ, COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 5

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GARRY BREDEFELD, COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 6