



**REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION**  
**CITY OF INDEPENDENCE**  
**March 28, 2019**

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**Department** \_\_\_\_\_ **Housing** \_\_\_\_\_

**Director Approval** \_\_\_\_\_ **April Nutt** \_\_\_\_\_

**AGENDA ITEM** Consider a request authorizing the Mayor to sign a proclamation declaring April 2019 as Fair Housing Month.

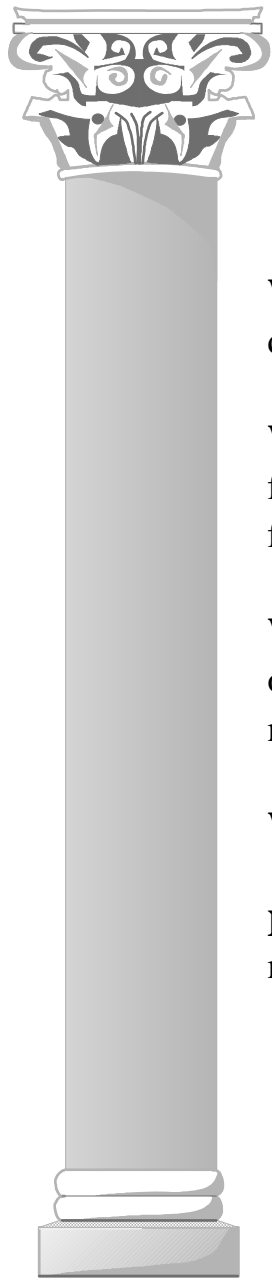
**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION** City Staff recommends approval.

**BACKGROUND** During April 2019, the Independence Housing Authority joins in the national celebration in recognizing April 2019 as Fair Housing Month. During this month of celebration, the City of Independence, Kansas along with the Independence Housing Authority reaffirms its commitment to ending housing discrimination within the City limits of Independence, Kansas.

**BUDGET IMPACT** There is no anticipated budget impact.

**SUGGESTED MOTION** I move to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached proclamation declaring April 2019 as Fair Housing Month.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS** Proclamation.



# *City of Independence, Kansas*

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the Congress of the United States passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, of which Title VIII declared that the law of the land would now guarantee the rights of equal housing opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Independence is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all, and today, many realty companies and associations support fair housing laws; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fair Housing groups and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development have, over the years, received thousands of complaints of alleged illegal housing discrimination and found too many that have proved upon investigation to be violations of the fair housing laws; and

**WHEREAS**, equal housing opportunity is a condition of life in our City that can and should be achieved,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Mayor of the City of Independence, hereby declares the month of April as:

**Fair Housing Month**

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Mayor