## City of St. Helens RESOLUTION NO. 1814

## A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ST. HELENS SUPPORTING THE FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM

**LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS** of the City of St. Helens that <u>discrimination</u> in the sale, rental, lease, advertising of sale, rental or lease, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage or rental services because of race, color, religion, sex, disability (physical or mental), familial status (children) or national origin <u>is prohibited</u> by Title VIII of the federal Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988. It is the policy of the City of St. Helens to support the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and to implement a Fair Housing Program to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability (physical or mental), familial status (1. children, 2. actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or marital status or its members), or national origin. Therefore, the City does hereby pass the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that within the resources available to the City through city, county, state, federal and community volunteer sources, the City <u>will assist all persons</u> who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, disability (physical and mental), familial status (children) or national origin <u>in the process of filing a complaint</u> with the Oregon Civil Rights Division or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Seattle Regional Office Compliance Division, that they may seek equity under federal and state laws.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City shall publicize this Resolution and through this publicity shall cause real estate brokers and sellers, private home sellers, rental owners, rental property managers, real estate and rental advertisers, lenders, builders, developers, home buyers and home or apartment renters to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances.

**THE FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM**, for the purpose of informing those affected of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning Fair Housing law and complaint procedures, will at a minimum include, but not be limited to: 1) the printing, publicizing and distribution of this Resolution; 2) the distribution of posters, flyers, pamphlets and other applicable Fair Housing information provided by local, state and federal sources, through local media of community contacts; and 3) the publicizing of locations where assistance will be provided to those seeking to file a discrimination complaint.

**THIS RESOLUTION** shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Approved and adopted by the City Council on June 6, 2018, by the following vote:

Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Scholl

Navs: None

Rick Scholl, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Payne, **d**ity Recorder