



# City of Grand Forks

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## PROCLAMATION FAIR HOUSING MONTH “FAIR HOUSING EQUALS OPPORTUNITY” APRIL 2019

**WHEREAS;** one of the greatest freedoms enjoyed by Americans is the freedom to live in a home of one's choice; and

**WHEREAS;** this promise made to us by the Nation's Fair Housing Law which requires that all people be treated equally in connection with sale or rental of housing, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, familial status or religion; and

**WHEREAS;** this year marks the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Federal Fair Housing Act, the original legislation targeting the elimination of housing discrimination in America; and

**WHEREAS;** April has been designated Fair Housing Month since the adoption of fair housing legislation in April 1968 and is the time each year when the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, High Plains Fair Housing Center, and other groups organize events and activities to focus attention on the issue of equal opportunity in housing; and

**WHEREAS;** each resident of the City of Grand Forks is urged to support efforts to put into practice the principles of freedom, justice and equality upon which this great nation was founded during the nationwide observance of Fair Housing Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael R. Brown, Mayor of Grand Forks, North Dakota do hereby proclaim April 2019 “**FAIR HOUSING MONTH**” in our city and urge all citizens to honor and abide by the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Law.

Michael R. Brown, Mayor