

RESOLUTION No. 3594

A Resolution by the City Council of the City of Red Lodge establishing FAIR HOUSING for the City of Red Lodge.

WHEREAS, the *Red Lodge City Council* desires to give meaning to the guarantees of equal rights contained in the Constitution and laws of this State and the United States, and to encourage and bring about mutual self-respect and understanding among all citizens and groups in the City of *Red Lodge*; and,

WHEREAS, under the Federal Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and Title VIII Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, it is prohibited to discriminated in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status (families with children), or handicap (disability) and the Montana Human Rights Act prohibits the discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of sex, marital status, race, creed, religion, color, age, familial status, physical or mental disability, or national origin; and,

WHEREAS, under the Montana State Fair Housing Law, Title 49-2-305, MCA, Montana Human Rights Act prohibits the discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of sex, marital status, race, creed, religion, color, age, familial status, physical or mental disability, or national origin;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the *City of Red Lodge*, Montana makes a firm commitment to do all within its power to eliminate prejudice, intolerance, disorder, and discrimination in housing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Red Lodge shall make publicly known this Resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of the respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Act, the Montana Human Rights Act, and any local laws or ordinances.

FURTHER ACTION will at a minimum include, but not limited to:

- (1) Publicize the Resolution with the name and contact information of the local Fair Housing Officer, which will include the process to file a complaint if a person feels they have been discriminated against in housing in any manner and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contacts; and
- (2) Display a Fair Housing Law poster which has the "Equal Housing Opportunity" logo will be at Red Lodge City Hall.
- (3) Inform all City of Red Lodge employees of the Resolution and direct all employees to forward immediately to the Mayor any reports they receive of housing discrimination.
- (4) The Mayor shall forward such complaints to the Montana Human Rights Commission, Department of Labor and Industry, P.O. Box 1728, Helena, Montana 59624-1728, within 10 days of receipt of said complaint.

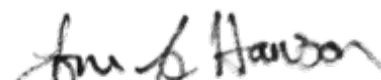
PASSED AND APPROVED by the Red Lodge City Council on this 22nd day of March 2022.

City of Red Lodge:



Kristen Cogswell
Mayor

Attest:



Loni Hanson
City Clerk

