

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, 2021 marks the 53rd anniversary of the passage of the U.S. Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, which enunciates a national policy of Fair Housing without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, sex, familial status, and handicap, and encourages fair housing opportunities for all citizens, and;
- WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin passed the Wisconsin Open Housing Law, which further encourages fair housing opportunities for all citizens, and;
- WHEREAS, fair housing occurs when all persons in the community have an equal opportunity to acquire housing regardless of sex, race, color, handicap, religion, national origin, or marital status of the person maintaining a household, lawful source of income, age, ancestry, or sexual orientation, and;
- WHEREAS, fair housing means taking actions that assure people have housing choices and are not discriminated against in their housing transactions, and;
- WHEREAS, fair housing laws are enforced through education, outreach, research, and direct assistance to persons alleging discrimination, and;
- WHEREAS, the City of Manitowoc supports activities that promote fair housing and adopted a Fair Housing Policy under Section 14.850 of the Municipal Code which in part reads: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 106.50, Wisconsin's Open Housing Act, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the City of Manitowoc to assure equal opportunity to all persons to live in decent housing facilities regardless of sex, race, color, disability as defined in Wis. Stat. § 106.50(1m)(g), sexual orientation as defined in Wis. Stat. § 106.50(1m)(t), religion, national origin, family status as defined in Wis. Stat. § 106.50(1m)(k), status as a victim of domestic abuse, sexual assault, stalking, lawful source of income, age or ancestry.

Now, therefore, in recognition of our commitment to fair housing within our community I, Justin M. Nickels, Mayor of the City of Manitowoc, do hereby proclaim **April 2021** to be

Fair Housing Month

in the City of Manitowoc and I encourage all citizens to work to protect equal access to housing to help build a more inclusive and vibrant community for all.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Manitowoc to be affixed. Done at City Hall in the City of Manitowoc this 15th day of March, Twenty Twenty-One.

Justin M. Nickels, Mayor