

# PROCLAMATION



**WHEREAS**, the month of April has been designated as Fair Housing Month by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity; and,

**WHEREAS**, this is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a “Year to Remember: 1968” celebrating the Fair Housing Act enacted on April 11, 1968 prohibiting discriminatory housing practices; and,

**WHEREAS**, “The Fair Housing Act 50 years of Opening Doors” has been selected as this year’s theme; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Fair Housing Act ensures all individuals regardless of sex, race, color, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, marital status, lawful source of income, age, ancestry, familial status or domestic abuse, sexual assault and stalking victims, receive equitable treatment in the pursuit of their housing choices; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lee’s Summit finds that decent and safe housing is part of the American dream; and,

**WHEREAS**, Lee’s Summit citizens have the right to choose where to live without discrimination; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is important to affirm the commitment of the City of Lee’s Summit regarding citizens’ right to buy, sell, rent or otherwise secure housing in the City in conformance with the Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 a/k/a/ the Federal Fair Housing Law and State Open Housing Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lee’s Summit, Missouri, I hereby proclaim April 2018 as

## ***FAIR HOUSING MONTH***

and encourage all housing providers to support and affirm their commitment to Fair Housing.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Lee’s Summit, Missouri, this 23rd day of March, 2018.

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***MAYOR RANDALL L. RHOADS***