

**CITY OF FLORENCE  
RESOLUTION NO. 9, SERIES 2021**

**A Resolution reaffirming the City's support of the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and appealing Resolution 7, Series 2003.**

RECITALS:

1. Business Oregon is awarding the City of Florence a Community Development Block Grant for the COVID-19 Emergency Assistance grant program.
2. The City of Florence has partnered with Lane Community College to provide scholarships for LCC's Environmental Services Aide program.
3. The City must pass a Fair-Housing resolution to comply with the Community Development Block Grant First Draw requirements in order to be reimbursed for the grant.
4. This Resolution will appeal the City of Florence Resolution No. 7, Series 2003 which did not include three additional protected classes, sexual orientation, gender identity and marital status, which are now required to be include by the Fair Housing Amendment Act of 1988.

Based on these findings,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS of the City of Florence that discrimination 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 is prohibited by Title VIII of the federal Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988. It is the policy of the City of Florence 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 and mental), familial status (1. children, and 2. actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or marital status or its members), or national origin. Therefore, the City of Florence does hereby pass the following Resolution:
2. BE IT RESOLVED that within the resources available to the City through city, county, state, federal and community volunteer sources, the City will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color,

religion, sex, disability (physical and mental), familial status (children) or national origin in the process of filing a complaint 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.

3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Florence 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.
4. 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.
5. The City of Florence repeals Resolution No. 7, Series 2003.

ADOPTION:

This resolution is passed and adopted on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2021. It shall become effective immediately upon adoption.



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Joe Henry, Mayor

Attest:



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Kelli Weese, City Recorder