

RESOLUTION NO. 49-2020

TITLE: FAIR HOUSING MONTH

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PROCLAIMING APRIL AS THE FAIR HOUSING MONTH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act, enacted on April 11, 1968, enshrined into federal law the goal of eliminating racial segregation and ending housing discrimination in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, and disability, and commits recipients of federal funding to affirmatively further fair housing in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Barberton is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS Our social fabric, the economy, health, and environment are strengthened in diverse, inclusive communities; and

WHEREAS More than fifty years after the passage of the Fair Housing Act, discrimination persists, and many communities remain segregated; and

WHEREAS Acts of housing discrimination and barriers to equal housing opportunity are repugnant to a common sense of decency and fairness.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Barberton, Ohio.

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Barberton does hereby declare the month of April, 2020 as **Fair Housing Month** in the City of Barberton as an inclusive community committed to fair housing, and to promoting appropriate activities by private and public entities to provide and advocate for equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of the City of Barberton.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Barberton and the inhabitants thereof, for the reason that time is of the essence, and provided it receives the necessary votes required by the City Charter, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval; otherwise to be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed _____ 2020

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved _____ 2020

Mayor