

**FAIR HOUSING MONTH
APRIL 2023**

WHEREAS, adequate housing is a basic need and right of all people; and

WHEREAS, this year we celebrate the 55th Anniversary of the enactment of the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 (Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act), which states that discrimination in the sale and rental of housing is illegal when based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 extends fair housing rights on the basis of familial status to families with children, and on the basis of handicap to disabled persons; and

WHEREAS, California statutes additionally protect citizens on the basis of age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and source of income; and California celebrates the 62th Anniversary of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA); and

WHEREAS, the City of Fremont supports fair housing efforts to eliminate discrimination in housing and recognizes the benefits of Project Sentinel to educate home seekers, apartment managers, and apartment owners on federal and state housing laws, and to investigate complaints of illegal housing discrimination in Fremont; and

WHEREAS, in order to heighten public awareness, the City of Fremont wishes to focus public attention on April as Fair Housing Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Fremont, hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 as “FAIR HOUSING MONTH,” and do encourage all residents and community organizations to celebrate the value of harmonious, inclusive, and diverse communities of neighbors and to support the goal of equal housing opportunity for all people.