

RESOLUTION NO. 14 FOR THE YEAR 2024

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL FAIR
HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF COHOES**

WHEREAS, the discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender or national origin in the sale, rental, leasing or financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services is prohibited by Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act (Federal Housing Law) in the City of Cohoes, New York.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Cohoes to encourage equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, gender, or national origin. The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 expands coverage to include disabled persons and families with children.

BE IT RESOLVED; that within available resources the City of Cohoes will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability or familial status to seek equity under Federal And State Laws by referring them to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Compliance Division.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the City of Cohoes shall publicize this Resolution and through this publicity shall encourage owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law and amendments and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances.

SAID City of Cohoes will, at a minimum: 1. Adopt and publicize the Fair Housing Resolution; 2. Post Fair Housing Posters in prominent public areas; 3. Provide Fair Housing Brochures Fair Housing information to the public; 4. Declare April as Fair Housing Month by Proclamation or Resolution.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

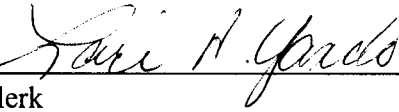
Approved as to form this 26th day of March, 2024.

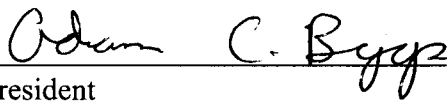


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Engrossed and signed by the President of the Common Council and attested by the Clerk of the Common Council this 24 day of March, 2024.


Clerk


President

I hereby approve the foregoing Resolution of the Common Council.

3/26/24
Date


William T. Keeler
Mayor of the City of Cohoes

City of Cohoes
Office of the Mayor
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April 11, 2024, marks the 56th anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act, which affirms national policy of fair housing for all who live in the United States, and

WHEREAS, The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, and national origin, and

WHEREAS, this Act provides equal housing opportunity for all Americans regardless of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, as well as to ensure fair practice in the sale, rental, or financing of property; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 added new rights, remedies, monetary penalties, and strengthened its enforcement procedures; and

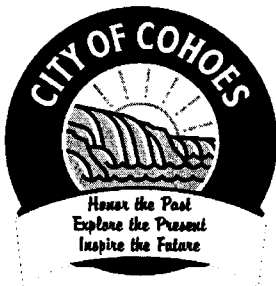
WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Amendments Act seeks to provide equal housing opportunities, to affirmatively further housing choices, to eliminate legal barriers to equal housing and to emphasize equal housing as a fundamental human right for all; and

WHEREAS, economic stability, community health, and human relations in communities are improved by diversity and integration; and

WHEREAS, The City of Cohoes is committed to fair housing and promotes services and activities provided by private and public entities for equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents, and

WHEREAS, The City of Cohoes fully supports the intent and purpose of the Federal Fair Housing Act, local fair housing laws, and follows policies and practices in order to achieve its goal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William T. Keeler, Mayor of the City of Cohoes, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as “**FAIR HOUSING MONTH**” in the City of Cohoes.



In witness whereof I have let hand and affixed the Seal of the City of Cohoes, this 1st day of April, 2024.

Mayor William T. Keeler