

TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, this April is the 53rd anniversary of the Fair Housing Act in which U.S. law was established that prohibited discrimination in housing; and
- WHEREAS, HUD Secretary, Marcia L. Fudge states that, “Fair Housing Month is a time to recommit our nation’s obligation to ensure that everyone has equal access to safe, affordable housing;” and
- WHEREAS, the Town of Portsmouth, as a grantee of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, is obligated by the CDBG program to prepare and implement a plan of action to affirmatively further fair housing for each CDBG program year; and
- WHEREAS, the Town of Portsmouth, has a long standing history of supporting efforts to affirmatively further fair housing; and
- WHEREAS, the Town of Portsmouth, acknowledges and supports the Housing Hot Line and the Community Housing Resource Board’s work with the people of the community to resolve housing concerns and find warmth and shelter in whichever way one may seek; and
- WHEREAS, the global pandemic has increased the number of individuals and families experiencing the overwhelming stress of housing insecurity; and
- WHEREAS, each person has the right to a home, to a safe and healthy retreat, free from discrimination.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kevin M. Aguiar, Town Council President, of the Town of Portsmouth in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim April 2021

“FAIR HOUSING MONTH”

in the Town of Portsmouth and call upon all residents to make a concerted effort to give aid to those who are seeking clean and pleasant surroundings for their lives.

In recognition whereof, I, as President of the Portsmouth Town Council, have hereby set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Portsmouth to be affixed on the 26th day of April, 2021.

Kevin M. Aguiar, President
Portsmouth Town Council

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer M. West, Town Clerk