



# *Proclamation*

## **Fair Housing Month**

**WHEREAS**, April marks the anniversary of the Fair Housing Act of 1968, a landmark civil rights law that prohibits discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, and familial status; and

**WHEREAS**, fair and equitable access to housing is essential to the strength, stability, and economic vitality of communities throughout the Kansas City region; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments, housing advocates, and community partners—including professional organizations such as the National Association of REALTORS®—work together to promote education, awareness, and practices that support equal opportunity in housing; and

**WHEREAS**, Fair Housing Month provides an opportunity for residents, housing providers, and community leaders to reaffirm their commitment to ensuring that every individual and family has the freedom to choose where they live without discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, continued collaboration across public, private, and nonprofit sectors is vital to fostering inclusive, welcoming neighborhoods for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Damien Boley, Mayor of the City of Smithville hereby proclaim April 2026 as Fair Housing Month and encourage all residents and community partners to uphold and advance the principles of fair housing.

**PROCLAIMED THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2026**

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Damien Boley, Mayor