MORAINE TOWNSHIP

Fair Housing Proclamation

Resolution Supporting National Fair Housing Month A Resolution Proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month in Moraine Township

WHEREAS, Moraine Township believes that decent and safe housing is a goal of all Illinois residents; and

WHEREAS, individuals in the State of Illinois have the right to choose where to live without discrimination of "protected classes" including race, color, religion, sex (including sexual harassment), national origin, ancestry, age (40 and over), order of protection status, marital status, sexual orientation (including gender-related identity), physical or mental disability, conviction record, and military status or unfavorable discharge from military service. The act also prohibits discrimination because of pregnancy, citizenship status and arrest record in employment, and discrimination based on familial status and arrest record in real estate transactions."

WHEREAS, acts of housing discrimination and barriers to equal housing opportunity are repugnant to a common sense of decency and fairness; and

WHEREAS, federal and state laws affirm the right of every person to equal housing opportunity; and

WHEREAS, fair housing is a positive community good; and

WHEREAS, economic stability, community health, and human relations in all communities and the State of Illinois are improved by diversity and integration; and

WHEREAS, stable, integrated and balanced residential patterns are threatened by discriminatory acts and unlawful housing practices stemming from the continuing effects of discriminatory policies, systemic racism and inequities that result in segregation of residents and opportunities in our region; and

WHEREAS, the talents of grassroots and non-profit organizations, housing service providers, financial institutions, elected officials, state agencies, and others must be combined to promote and preserve integration, fair housing, and equal opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Trustees and Supervisor of Moraine Township, Illinois do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2024 as **FAIR HOUSING MONTH** in Moraine Township to establish Moraine Township as an open and inclusive community committed to fair housing and to promote appropriate activities by private and public entities intended to provide or advocate for integration and equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of Moraine Township.

DATED this 17th day of April, 2024

Anne Flanigan Bassi, Moraine Township Supervisor