

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of a Resolution Supporting)
the Fair Housing Program) RESOLUTION NO. 17-2017

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for Columbia County, Oregon, adopted Ordinance No. 91-1, the “Columbia County Fair Housing Ordinance”, on February 6, 1991 and re-adopted it on May 5, 1993, pursuant to Ordinance No. 93-6; and

WHEREAS, due to the requirements of certain federal regulations, it is necessary from time to time to re-affirm Columbia County’s commitment to the public policy of providing fair housing and prohibiting unlawful discriminatory practices in housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, as follows:

- 1) Let it be known to all persons of Columbia County that discrimination in the sale, rental, lease, advertising of sale, rental or lease, financing or housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage or rental services because of race, color, religion, sex, disability (physical or mental) familial status (children and, actual or perceived sexual orientation, general identity or marital status or its members), or national origin is prohibited by Title VIII o the Federal Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988. It is the policy of Columbia County to support the Far Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and to implement a Fair Housing Program to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability (physical and mental), familial status (children and, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or marital status or its members), or national origin; and
- 2) Within the resources available to the County through city, county, state, federal and community volunteer sources, the County will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, disability (physical and mental), familial status (children and, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or marital status or its members), or national origin in the process of filing a complaint with the Oregon Civil Rights Division or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Seattle Regional Office Compliance Division, that they may seek equity under federal and state laws.
- 3) The County shall publicize this Resolution and through this publicity shall cause real estate brokers and sellers, private home sellers, rental owners, rental property managers, real estate and rental advertisers, lenders, builders, developers, home buyers and home or apartment renters to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances.

- 4) THE FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM, for the purpose of informing those affected of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning Fair Housing law and compliant procedures, will at a minimum include, but not be limited to: 1) the printing, publicizing and distribution of this Resolution: 2) the distribution of posters, flyers, pamphlets and other applicable Fair Housing information provided by local, state and federal sources, through local media of community contacts; and 3) the publicizing of locations where assistance will be provided to those seeking to file a discrimination complaint. For information, please contact Community Action Team, 125 N 17th St., St. Helens, OR 97051 or call (503) 397-3511.
- 5) This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Columbia County Board of Commissioners.

Dated and effective this 1st day of March, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: Not Present
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: [Signature]
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: Alex Tardif
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Approved as to form

By: [Signature]
Office of County Counsel