

# Proclamation



## FAIR HOUSING MONTH

APRIL 2019

WHEREAS, April 2019 marks the 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, known as the Civil Rights Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, this Act provides equal housing opportunity for all American 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, individuals in this city have the right to choose where to live without discrimination based on race, color, religion, age, sex, disability, gender identity, familial status or national origin; and

WHEREAS, Washington, DC fully supports the intent and purpose of the Federal Fair Housing Act, local fair housing laws and follows policies and practices to achieve its goal:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim April 2019 in Washington, DC as "FAIR HOUSING MONTH".

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Muriel Bowser", written over a horizontal line.

