

PROCLAMATION

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, April 2020 marks the 52nd anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Human Rights Commission Act has prohibited discrimination in housing since 1969; and

WHEREAS, equal opportunity for all-regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin-is a fundamental goal of our nation, state and city; and

WHEREAS, equal access to housing is an important component of this goal-as fundamental as the right to equal education and employment; and

WHEREAS, housing is a critical component of family and community health and stability and

WHEREAS, housing choice impacts our children's access to education, our ability to seek and retain employment options, the cultural benefits we enjoy, the extent of our exposure to crime and drugs, and the quality of health care we receive in emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the laws of this nation and our state seek to ensure such equality of choice for all transactions involving housing; and

WHEREAS, ongoing education, outreach and monitoring are key to raising awareness of fair housing principles, practices, rights and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, only through continued cooperation, commitment and support of all Idahoans can barriers to fair housing be removed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Hill, Mayor of City of Athol in Kootenai County Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of <u>April 2020</u> as FAIR HOUSING MONTH, and further proclaim the City of Athol as a community committed to fair housing for all residents and prospective residents of the City of Athol.

Dated on this 18th day of February in the year of our Lord 2020.

Attest:

Løri Yarbrough City Clerk/Freasurer William "Bill" Hill Mayor

city of Atho

incorporated Aug. 10th, 1909

Toolenal County, Idago