

**RESOLUTION NO. 18 - 2022**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING FAIR HOUSING IN THE VILLAGE OF MADISON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, 2022 is the 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act, commonly referred to as the Fair Housing Act (of 1968); and

WHEREAS, the effort to create equal housing opportunities for all people is encouraged at every level of government; and

WHEREAS, it is an important goal of federal, state and local governments to eliminate housing discrimination and assure the rights of every resident to buy, rent, and sell housing, without regard to race, color, sex, religion, familial status, national origin or disability; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing ("AFFH") is shared by HUD entitlement jurisdiction and other entities using CDBG or HOME funds as delineated in the HUD website and Federal Register 2021-12114; and

WHEREAS, it is a goal of the Village to accord residents with an enhanced quality of life through the development of opportunities in housing, employment, education and services by the implementation of plans that assure all people are afforded their rights thus fostering open inclusive communities, notably Lake County's HUD-accepted *Assessment of Fair Housing - Lake County, Ohio 2017-2021*, which can be viewed or downloaded online from the Lake County website at [AssessmentofFairHousingLakeCountyOhio2017-2021.pdf](#); and

WHEREAS, as an applicant or potential recipient of federal funds the Village agrees that it will take specified actions to AFFH and asserts that all policies and practices adopted, or to be adopted, are and shall be in conformance with applicable fair housing law and that prior to the CDBG/HOME application due date of May 20, 2022 that there are no outstanding civil rights matters pending, asserted or otherwise unresolved against the Village and in conformance with the most recent published HUD grant eligibility documentation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF MADISON, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The Village recognizes the broad duty to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing and commits to its respective role in furtherance of same, inclusive of hereby supporting public awareness initiatives, such as designation of the month of April as Fair Housing Month in Lake County, Ohio.

**SECTION 2.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including § 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Madison insofar as its commitment to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing is necessary for qualification for CDBG funding and the failure to timely make application will result in the Village becoming ineligible for necessary grant funding; wherefore, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and immediately upon passage.

PASSED:



Mark V. Vest, H.O. Jay Adams  
President of Council Vice President of Council

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: November 28, 2022

Attested:



Kristie M. Crockett,  
Fiscal Officer / Clerk of Council

Approved:



Sam Britton Jr.,  
Mayor

11/28/2022  
Date