



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April 11 marks the anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act in 1968, which prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of housing nationwide on the basis of (as amended) race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability and family status; and

WHEREAS, The Iowa Civil Rights Act additionally prohibits housing discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, disability or familial status; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ankeny has established the Ankeny Human Rights Commission to proclaim a public policy of nondiscrimination by securing freedom from discriminatory practices, protecting individual dignity, ensuring people enjoy their full productive capacities, preserving the public safety, health and general welfare, and promoting the interests, rights, and privileges of individual citizens within the City; and


WHEREAS, fair housing practices play a positive role in ensuring the well-being of all people in our community; and

WHEREAS, economic growth, community health, and human relations in all communities are improved by diversity and fairness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ankeny supports the on-going efforts of many organizations, housing and service providers to provide education and outreach that ensure fair housing.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bobbi Bentz, Mayor of the City of Ankeny, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2025 as "FAIR HOUSING MONTH" in Ankeny to establish Ankeny as an inclusive community committed to fair housing and to promote appropriate activities by private and public entities intended to provide or advocate for equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of Ankeny.

DATED AND SIGNED this 7th day of April, 2025.



Bobbi B. Bentz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michelle Yuska, City Clerk

