

**PROCLAMATION**  
**Fair Housing Month**  
**Celebrating 52 Years of Fair Housing**  
**City of Washington, Kansas**

**WHEREAS**, the Congress of the United States passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, of which Title VIII declared that the law of the land would now guarantee the rights of equal housing opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Washington is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all, and today, many realty companies and associations support fair housing laws; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fair Housing groups and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development have, over the years, received thousands of complaints of alleged illegal housing discrimination and found too many that have proved upon investigation to be violations of the fair housing laws; and

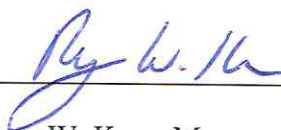
**WHEREAS**, equal housing opportunity is a condition of life in our city that can and should be achieved,

I, Mayor of Washington, Kansas, on behalf of its citizens, do hereby proclaim the month of April as

**FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

and express the hope that this year's observance will promote fair housing practices throughout the City.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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Ryan W. Kern, Mayor