

**CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA**

**RESOLUTION 2016-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF WILLCOX, ARIZONA ADOPTING A FAIR HOUSING POLICY, MAKING KNOWN ITS COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF FAIR HOUSING, AND DESCRIBING ACTIONS IT SHALL UNDERTAKE TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING.**

**WHEREAS**, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended requires that all applicants for Community Development Block Grant funds certify that they shall affirmatively further fair housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act) and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 declare a national policy to prohibit discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, and financing of housing or land to be used for the construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin; and

**WHEREAS**, fairness is the foundation of the American system and reflects traditional American values; and

**WHEREAS**, discriminatory housing practices undermine the strength and vitality of America and its people;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA** hereby wish all persons living, working, doing business in or traveling through this City to know that: discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing and financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or, national origin is prohibited by Title VIII of the Federal Fair Housing Act and the Fair Housing Amendments of 1988; and it is the policy of the City of Willcox to implement programs, within the constraints of its resources, to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin; and within available resources the City of Willcox will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against in housing issues on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin to seek equity under existing federal and state laws to file a complaint with the Arizona Attorney General's Office or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and that the City of Willcox shall publicize this Resolution and thereby encourage owners of rental properties, developers, builders and others involved with housing to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances; and that the City of Willcox shall undertake the following actions to additionally “affirmatively further fair housing.”

It shall publicize this Resolution by publishing on its website, posting in City Hall, Library and Public Works Department and thereby encourage owners of rental properties, developers,

builders, and others involved with housing to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under these laws and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.**

**APPROVED/EXECUTED:**

/s/ Robert A. Irvin  
**ROBERT A. IRVIN, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

/s/ Virginia A. Mefford  
**VIRGINIA A. MEFFORD, City Clerk**

/s/ Ann P. Roberts  
**ANN P. ROBERTS, City Attorney**

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