

Proclamation

WHEREAS, April 2008 marks the 40th 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 county; 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 principals, practices, rights and responsibilities; and

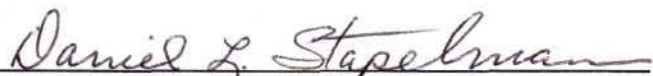
WHEREAS, only through continued cooperation, commitment and support of all Idahoans can barriers to fair housing be removed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel Stapelman, Chairman – Minidoka County Commission, do hereby proclaim April 2008, to be

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in the County of Minidoka, State of Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at the Minidoka County Courthouse in Minidoka, Idaho on this 24th day of March in the year of our Lord two-thousand and eight.



Daniel Stapelman

Chairman, Minidoka County Commission



Duane Smith

Minidoka County Clerk