CITY OF BERLIN
FAIR HOUSING PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; on April 11, 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly known as the Fair Housing Act, as amended, which enunciates a national policy of Fair Housing without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, sex, familial status, and handicap, and encourages fair housing opportunities for all citizens; and

WHEREAS; 2021 marks the 53rd anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS; fair housing means our communities are open and welcoming, free from housing discrimination and hostility and that each one of us, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, or disability, has access to neighborhoods of growth and opportunity, where our children can attend quality schools, our environment allows us to be healthy, and our families may prosper; and

WHEREAS; the Fair Housing Act helps to strengthen families, communities, businesses, and our overall economy and move us closer to being a community, a state and a nation where fair housing and opportunity are the norm in all communities; and

WHEREAS; fair housing laws are enforced through education, outreach, research, and direct assistance to persons alleging discrimination; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Common Council of the City of Berlin strongly supports the Fair Housing Act; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Common Council of the City of Berlin does commend all those who have been involved with the struggle for fair housing and wishes continued success in breaking the barriers that limit fair housing for everyone.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2021.

Richard D. Schramer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jodie Olson, Clerk