

HOME/HTF Affordable Housing Development Grant Administration Manual
Tools and Resources
Sample Fair Housing Policy Resolution

Whereas, the *(City/Town Council or Board of County Commissioners)* desires to give meaning to the guarantees of equal rights contained in the Constitution and laws of this State and the United States, and to encourage and bring about mutual self-respect and understanding among all citizens and groups in the *(City/Town/County)*; and,

Whereas, under the Federal Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, it is illegal to deny housing to any person because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin; and,

Whereas, under the Montana State Fair Housing Law, Title 49-2-305, MCA, it is illegal to deny housing to any person because of race, sex, religion, color, age, physical or mental handicap or national origin;

Therefore, be it resolved the *(Name of HOME/HTF Grantee)*, Montana makes a firm commitment to do all within its power to eliminate prejudice, intolerance, disorder and discrimination in housing.

Therefore, be it also resolved that a Fair Housing Law poster which has the “Equal Housing Opportunity” logo will be displayed at *(City/Town Hall or County Courthouse)*.

Therefore, be it also resolved that the following procedures will be used to accomplish the purpose of the aforementioned resolution:

1. The *(City/Town Council/Board of County Commissioners)* shall inform all *(City/Town/County)* employees of the *(City/Town/County’s)* commitment to fair housing.
2. The *(City/Town/Council/Board of County Commissioners)* will post this resolution in *(City/Town/County)* buildings and other public places and publicize it.
3. The *(City/Town Council/Board of County Commissioners)* shall direct all employees to forward immediately to the *(Mayor/Chairperson)* any reports they receive of housing discrimination.
4. The *(Mayor/Chairperson)* shall forward such complaints to the Montana Human Rights Commission, Department of Labor and Industry, P.O. Box 1728, Helena, Montana 59624-1728, within 10 days of receipt of said complaint.

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____