



ARAPAHOE COUNTY

Proclamation

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2026 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, Congress enacted the Fair Housing Act on April 11, 1968, to protect individuals from discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, and familial status; and

WHEREAS, Fair Housing Month provides an opportunity to highlight the importance of fair housing practices, raise awareness about ongoing issues of housing discrimination, and renew our commitment to the principles of equity, inclusion, and justice in housing; and ensuring fair housing is not only a matter of law but a matter of human dignity and essential to the health and well-being of our communities; and

WHEREAS, access to safe, affordable housing is a fundamental right that strengthens families, improves educational outcomes, and enhances overall community well-being; and

WHEREAS, housing insecurity remains an issue for many, where in Arapahoe County the average rent for a one-bedroom apartment is \$1,789; and

WHEREAS, based on rent being 30 percent of a person's gross income, a person would need to make \$71,560 per year to comfortably afford a one-bedroom apartment; and

WHEREAS, a 2025 community survey of Arapahoe County residents identified housing as a top priority, with 31 percent of respondents citing affordable housing as a critical community need; and

WHEREAS, the fight for fair housing requires the collective efforts of government agencies, housing providers, affordable housing developers, community organizations, and individuals to address disparities and promote inclusive communities where everyone can thrive; and

WHEREAS, Arapahoe County continues to look for new and creative ways to invest in fair and affordable housing, the Reserve at South Creek in the Dove Valley neighborhood which will ultimately offer 168 affordable apartments; a new 147-unit apartment complex on Colfax and Havana; new zoning classification that encourage higher-density development near transit corridors and tiered developer incentives tied to the inclusion of affordable units; the purchase of two areas to land bank for future affordable housing development; and, a dedicated \$4 million in the 2026 budget to support affordable housing and \$1.2 million for ongoing rental assistance to support our most vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, Arapahoe County recognizes and honors the tireless work of local advocates, government representatives, fair housing educators, and community leaders who have dedicated themselves to advancing fair housing and combating discrimination in all its forms; and

WHEREAS, we reaffirm our commitment to enforcing fair housing laws and policies, supporting affordable housing initiatives, and fostering diverse and inclusive neighborhoods that reflect the rich diversity of Arapahoe County and stand united in the belief that fair housing is a fundamental right.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim April as **FAIR HOUSING MONTH** in Arapahoe County and encourage all residents, businesses, and institutions to join us in ensuring that every individual has the right to live in the housing of their choice, free from discrimination.

Commissioner Carrie Warren-Gully

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Chair of the Board

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