**2023 ORANGE COUNTY AFFORDABLE AND FAIR HOUSING MONTHS**

**TEMPLATE**

WHEREAS, the months of April and May 2023, are being designated as **Orange County Affordable and Fair Housing Months** to highlight and celebrate regional efforts to create affordable housing and to affirmatively further fair housing; and

WHEREAS, the JURISDICTION NAME HERE develops and administers affordable housing programs, and is committed to promoting fair and equal housing opportunities; and

-OR-WHEREAS, the City of Irvine has developed a state-certified Housing Element that identifies strategies and activities to expand the supply, diversity, and access to affordable housing

WHEREAS, the JURISDICTION NAME HERE [serves more than \_\_\_\_\_ households in the community through its Section 8 (Housing Choice Voucher) Rental Assistance Program], and has a portfolio of existing and in production X, XXX affordable housing units; and

WHEREAS, April is National Fair Housing Month and May is National Affordable Housing Month; and

WHEREAS the Fair Housing Act was passed by the United States Congress in 1968 to address discrimination in housing throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, affordable housing supports Orange County’s diversity and sustainability, and is the foundation for health, economic prosperity, and educational opportunity; and

WHEREAS, affordable homes are a solution to homelessness, and provide stability to seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the development of affordable homes close to public transit and jobs helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions and strengthens the economy by creating a jobs-housing balance; and

WHEREAS, when local jurisdictions, nonprofits organizations, community organizations, faith-based groups, developers, advocates, and many others come together to invest in affordable homes for all, they continue to build inclusive communities that support low-income people and interrupt historic patterns of housing inequity; and

WHEREAS, the Kennedy Commission, a community-based nonprofit that works with residents and community organizations to increase the production of homes affordable to lower income households in Orange County, is leading this first-ever Orange County Affordable and Fair Housing Months initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the City will continue to work collaboratively to secure sustainable funding and policies for affordable and fair housing at the local, regional and state level, and will encourage residents of Irvine to participate in Orange County Affordable and Fair Housing Months’ activities.

NOW BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED that the NAME OF JURISDICION designates the months of April and May 2023, as **Orange County Affordable and Fair Housing Months** in support of local efforts toward affordable housing and fair housing programs and practices that provide safe, and decent housing, and vital resources to our community.

AUTHORIZED by NAME OF JURISDICTION on this XXth day of MONTH 2023