

**Resolution No. 9-122**

**RESOLUTION Reaffirming Policies on Fair and Equal Housing Opportunity in Iowa County**

**WHEREAS** the Civil Rights Act of 1968 prohibits all racial discrimination in the sale or rental of property; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Fair Housing Act was passed as a portion of the Civil Rights Act by congress and signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on April 11, 1968; and,

**WHEREAS**, the original Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing and housing-related transactions on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, ancestry, or religion; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Fair Housing Act ensures that all individuals regardless of their gender, race, color, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, marital status, lawful source of income, age, ancestry, familial status, or domestic abuse, sexual assault and stalking victims; receive equitable treatment in their pursuit of their housing choices; and,

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) reflects a commitment to “build inclusive and sustainable communities free from discrimination”; and,

**WHEREAS** in Section 808 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383), Congress amended the Fair Housing Act to include protection on the basis of sex, including gender and gender identity; and,

**WHEREAS**, an individual’s housing conditions impact his or her health, educational attainment level, employment opportunities, and personal wealth; and,

**WHEREAS** on November 12, 2008 Iowa County adopted Ordinance #400.05A Relating to Adoption of Wisconsin Statutes Section 106.50 and all subsequent amendments relating to Equal Rights of all Persons to Fair Housing, and Providing Means for the Implementation and Enforcement Thereof; and,

**WHEREAS** during 2021 Iowa County applied for and received a Community Development Block Grant for a public facilities construction improvement project along CTH N between CTH NN and STH 133 in the Town of Pulaski; Now,

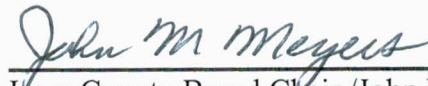
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the commitment of Iowa County to re-affirm a citizen’s right to buy, sell, rent, or otherwise secure housing in the County in conformance with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 a/k/a/ the Federal Fair Housing Law and State Open Housing Law; And,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that

- 1) Iowa County supports and encourages Fair and Open Housing Policies and Practices throughout the County, and;
- 2) The County Administrator or his/her designee shall assist any person alleging a violation having occurred in the County of Iowa to file a complaint thereunder the Department of Workforce Development, Equal Rights Division for enforcement of Section 106.50 of Wisconsin Statutes and Ordinance #400.05A.
- 3) An electronic copy of this Resolution shall be posted to the County website and sent to all Township and Village Clerk offices encouraging posting of this County Resolution on their respective Community Bulletin Boards during the month of April 2022.

Offered by the Public Safety Committee on January 4, 2022;

Adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of January, 2022.



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Iowa County Board Chair /John M. Meyers

Attested to by the County Clerk



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Kristy K. Spurley