



## Town of Thomaston

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### **TOWN OF THOMASTON FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION**

**Whereas,** All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

**Whereas,** Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

**Whereas,** Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

**Whereas,** The **Town of Thomaston** is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

#### **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

That the Town of Thomaston hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to insure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and

#### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Thomaston or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practices in the Town of Thomaston and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services or other fair housing organizations to protect his/her right to equal housing opportunities.

Adopted by the **Town of Thomaston** on **May 2, 2017**.

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**Edmond V. Mone, First Selectman**

**Town Seal**