

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, fair and equal housing is a right guaranteed to all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the principle of fair and equal housing is not only a national law and policy, but a fundamental human entitlement; and

WHEREAS, all citizens have the right to live where they choose within their financial means; and

WHEREAS, people must not be denied housing because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap or family status; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Silver City acknowledges the importance of assuring fair and equal treatment to all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Silver City, the Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments, and the Silver City Regional Association of Realtors will supply fair housing information to the public and the Town will display a fair housing proclamation at the City Hall Annex; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Silver City, the Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments, and the Regional Association of Realtors, is committed to highlighting the Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, by continuing to address discrimination in our community, to support programs that will educate the public about the right to equal housing opportunities, and to plan partnership efforts with other organizations to help assure every American of their right to fair housing; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Realtors Code of Ethics commits all Realtors to providing equal professional services without discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, familial status, handicap, sexual orientation, gender identity, and national origin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken Ladner, Mayor of the Town of Silver City, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2017 as

“FAIR HOUSING MONTH”

and urge all citizens to participate in appropriate activities to commemorate this event.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the Town of Silver City to be affixed in Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico, this 11th day of April, 2017.

(Seal)

Ken Ladner, Mayor

Attest:

Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk