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Resolution #: NA

Date Passed: March 25, 2020

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF STONINGTON

Fair Housing Resolution

I, Cynthia Ladwig, Town Clerk of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of Resolution # $M_{\rm H}$, duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut on March 25, 2020, at which meeting a duly constituted quorum of the Board of Selectmen was present and acting throughout and that such Resolution has not been modified, rescinded or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEGING FAIR HOUISNG PRACTICES

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 home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Stonington 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 RESOVED, That the Town of Stonington hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure 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 Stonington 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 practice in the Town of Stonington 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 or her right to equal housing opportunities.

Adopted by the Town of Stonington on March 25, 2020.

Cynthia Ladwig, Town Clerk

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TOWN OF STONINGTON CERTIFICATION TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING

The Town of Stonington does hereby state and certify that it shall affirmatively further fair housing in the Town of Stonington and at facilities related to homeless diversion and emergency youth outreach in conformity with its Fair Housing Action Plan and the Fair Housing Policy Statement submitted herewith and in accord with all applicable laws and regulations of the State of Connecticut.

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Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman

March 25, 2020 Date