STATE OF NEW MEXICO
MUNICIPALITY OF PORTALES

RESOLUTION NO. 12-13-25
CITY OF PORTALES
2013 FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

A resolution of the Portales City Council of the City of Portales adopting a fair housing policy, making known its commitment to the principle of fair housing, and describing actions it shall undertake to affirmatively further fair housing.

WHEREAS; the Housing and Community Development act of 1974 as amended requires that all applicant for Community Development Block Grants funds certify that they shall affirmatively further fair housing; and

WHEREAS; the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act) and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 declare a national policy to prohibit discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing and financing of housing or land to be used for the construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin; and

WHEREAS; fairness is the foundation of the American system and reflects traditional American values; and

WHEREAS; discriminatory housing practices undermine the strength and vitality of America and its people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED THAT ON this 3rd day of **JANUARY, 2013**, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF PORTALES, NEW MEXICO **REAFFIRMS** THE PASSAGE OF **ORDINANCE 542 FAIR HOUSING** AS ADOPTED ON JUNE 4, 1991. The governing body of the City of Portales, New Mexico hereby wish all persons living, working, doing business in or traveling through this City to know that: discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, and financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin is prohibited by Title VIII of the Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988; and that it is the policy of the City of Portales to implement programs, with in the constraints of its resources, to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin; and within available resources the City of Portales will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against in housing issues on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin to seek equality under existing federal and state laws to file a complaint with the New Mexico Attorney Generals Office or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and that the City of Portales shall publicize this Resolution and thereby encouraging owners of rental properties, developers, builders and others involved with housing to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances; and that the City of Portales shall undertake the following actions to affirmatively further fair housing:

- posting this resolution on its website, at City Hall (100 West 1st Street), and at the Portales Public Library (218 S. Avenue B);
- emailing copies of this resolution to local media; and,
- distributing the resolution to housing developers, realtors, rental property managers, and financial institutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF PORTALES, NEW MEXICO on this 3rd day of January, 2013.

RESOLUTION 12-13-25 supersedes **RESOLUTION 11-12-25**, which was adopted **February 21, 2012**.

ATTEST: (Seal)

CITY OF PORTALES

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