

# PROCLAMATION

Fair Housing Commitment  
City of Centralia, Missouri

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, of which Title VIII declared that the law of the land would now guarantee the rights of equal housing opportunity, and

WHEREAS, the City of Centralia, Missouri, is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all, and today, many realty companies and associations support fair housing laws; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing groups and the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development have, over the years, received thousands of complaints of alleged illegal housing discrimination and found too many that have proved upon investigation to be violations of the fair housing laws; and

WHEREAS, equal housing opportunity is a condition of life in our City that can and should be achieved and maintained,

WHEREAS, the City of Centralia, Missouri, has recently adopted an amended and updated Fair Housing Ordinance,

I, Mayor of the City of Centralia, Missouri, on behalf of its citizens, do hereby proclaim the commitment of the City of Centralia, Missouri to have access to equal housing opportunity, and express the hope that these actions will further promote fair housing practices through the City.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009

*Tim Grenke*  
Mayor