

## **PROCLAMATION**

*Whereas, April 2007 marks the Thirty-Ninth Anniversary of the enactment of the Fair Housing Act; and*

*Whereas, this legislation, passed by Congress in 1968, seeks to eliminate discrimination in opportunities and to affirmatively make housing choices available for all Americans; and*

*Whereas, the ongoing struggle for equal opportunity for all citizens is not the exclusive province of the Federal government but involves vigorous state and local government efforts to combat discrimination as well; and*

*Whereas, the City of Bristol, Tennessee utilizes the Department of Community Development to implement an effective and responsible Fair Housing Program; and*

*Whereas, it is the intent of this City Council to encourage the unified efforts of Federal, state and local governments in promoting housing opportunities for all Americans.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, James E. Messimer, Mayor of the City of Bristol, do hereby proclaim April 2007 as*

### ***Fair Housing Month***

*and ask all Bristolians to join me in recognizing the importance of eliminating discrimination and to affirmatively make housing choices available for all Americans.*

*This 6th day of March, 2007.*

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*James E. Messimer*  
*Mayor*