

Resolution Number: 21

Submitted by: The Honorable Mayor Martin J. Walsh, City of Boston

**RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT**

WHEREAS, on April 4, 1968 the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. was tragically assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, seven days later on April 11, 1968, the Fair Housing Act written by Minnesota Senator Walter Mondale and Massachusetts Senator Edward Brooke was signed by President Lyndon Johnson; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act prohibited discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion and national origin; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act was amended in 1974 to prohibit discrimination in housing based on sex; and

WHEREAS, the Act was further amended in 1988 to prohibit discrimination in housing based on disability or familial status;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the United States Conference of Mayors, in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act of 1968, joins with civil rights organizations across the nation in celebrating this landmark legislation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the United States Conference of Mayors remain committed to supporting the principles embodied by the Fair Housing Act, including the requirement to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing.