

Draft Resolution ____-2023 Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing in Town of Dryden

WHEREAS, under the Federal Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, it is illegal to deny housing to any person because of race, color, religion, gender, physical or mental disabilities or national origin, and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 expands coverage to include disabled persons and families with children, and

WHEREAS, in July of 2015, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) released the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (“AFFH”) rule, clarifying and simplifying existing fair housing obligations, and

WHEREAS, the AFFH rule requires certain HUD and New York State grantees to conduct an Assessment of Fair Housing planning process and analyze their fair housing landscape and set locally determined fair housing priorities and goals, and

WHEREAS, Town of Dryden is committed to affirmatively furthering fair housing through numerous activities including making brochures regarding Fair Housing Laws available in the town offices, posting the USHUD Equal Opportunity/Fair Housing poster in the town offices, posting rights and obligations on the Town of Dryden website, being subject to the Tompkins County Local Antidiscrimination Law No. 1-2004 as a municipality within Tompkins County, assistance to those with complaints, and support through the Tompkins County Office of Human Rights, and

WHEREAS, Town of Dryden desires to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, which require a formal resolution stating its good faith and intention to continue complying with fair housing requirements, and

WHEREAS, Town of Dryden desires that all persons be made aware that it is the policy of the Town of Dryden to support the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and to implement fair housing activities to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that as a municipality of Tompkins County, the Town of Dryden within the resources available through County, State, federal, and community sources, the Tompkins County Office of Human Rights will assist all persons who believe their fair housing rights have been violated, concerning their rights and responsibilities, so that they may seek equity under relevant laws,

RESOLVED, further, that the Town of Dryden shall publicize this Resolution and through this publicity shall cause real estate brokers and sellers, private home sellers, rental owners, rental property managers, real estate and rental advertisers, lenders, builders, developers, home buyers and home or apartment renters 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,

RESOLVED, further, that the Town of Dryden will continue notifying community members of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning Fair Housing laws and complaint procedures, including, but not limited to: the printing, publicizing and distribution of this Resolution; the distribution of Fair Housing information provided by local, State and federal sources, through local community contacts; and the publicizing the role of the Fair Housing Officer and of the assistance available and means of accessing it to those seeking to file a discrimination complaint.