



City of Des Moines

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, all people should have access to safe, healthy, and affordable homes within communities of opportunity; and

WHEREAS, studies have found that each \$100 increase in median rent results in a 15% increase in homelessness in metro areas and a 39% increase in homelessness in nearby suburbs and rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the combined cost burden of housing plus transportation can be substantially reduced by locating affordable housing opportunities in proximity to transit; and

WHEREAS, the All Home community identifies affordable housing as a critical component of making homelessness rare, brief, and one-time; and

WHEREAS, everyone benefits from affordable housing, including the people who reside in these properties, their neighbors, businesses, employers, and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, united in an effort to raise public awareness, communities throughout King County are participating in local Affordable Housing Week efforts to inform the public of the critical need to preserve and increase affordable housing in our communities; and


WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines endorses the goals, objectives, and purposes of Affordable Housing Week, and in doing so, recommits itself to ensuring that our community thrives with opportunity, and that all people in it live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes;

NOW THEREFORE, THE DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL HEREBY PROCLAIMS May 11-15, 2020 as

AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK

SIGNED this 9th day of April, 2020.





Matt Pina, Mayor

The Waterland City