

Office of the Mayor  
Enumclaw, Washington

# Proclamation

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

**WHEREAS**, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines affordable housing as “as housing on which the occupant is paying no more than 30 percent of gross income for housing costs, including utilities.”; and

**WHEREAS**, people in our community are sleeping outdoors without shelter throughout the year, and families are considered “housing insecure,” because they were spending more than half of their income on rent & utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated many existing financial constraints for low- and moderate-income households; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Washington has extended a residential eviction moratorium through October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to prevent families and individuals from losing their housing due to non-payment; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the need for affordable homes across King County prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and the number of people experiencing homelessness had remained at critical levels; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to raise public awareness throughout King County about participating in local Affordable Housing Week to elevate the critical need to preserve and increase affordable housing in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Enumclaw endorses Affordable Housing Week, to ensure that our community recovers from the crises at hand, and that all people in Enumclaw live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes; NOW

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Enumclaw, does hereby proclaim the week of October 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, as

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK**



*In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and caused this seal to be affixed.*

*Jan Molinaro*

ATTEST: *Maureen J. Burwell*

DATE: *October 8, 2020*