



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, on March 23rd, 2020 Governor Inslee issued a statewide order to “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” calling on all Washingtonians to avoid leaving their homes for any non-essential activities and adhere to social distancing requirements; and

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

WHEREAS, housing stability and staying socially distant from those outside of our household has become our state's core public health strategy; 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, the need for affordable homes across King County prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and the number of people experiencing homelessness had remained at crisis levels; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor of the City of Issaquah, do hereby proclaim October 12-16, 2020 to be

AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK

in the City of Issaquah, and 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the City of Issaquah this 8th day of October 2020.



Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor