



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, all people should have access to safe, healthy, and affordable homes within communities of 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, the most recent Point In Time Count found 277 people in North King County sleeping outdoors without shelter in January 2019, and 665 households in Lake Forest Park are considered “housing insecure,” because they spend more than half of their income on rent & utilities; and

WHEREAS, 272 students were identified by Shoreline School District as homeless during the 2018-19 school year; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 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, Governor Inslee has extended a residential eviction moratorium through October 15, 2020 to prevent families and individuals from losing their housing due to non-payment; and

WHEREAS, housing stability and 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 housing homes across King County prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and the number of people experiencing homelessness had remained at crisis levels; and

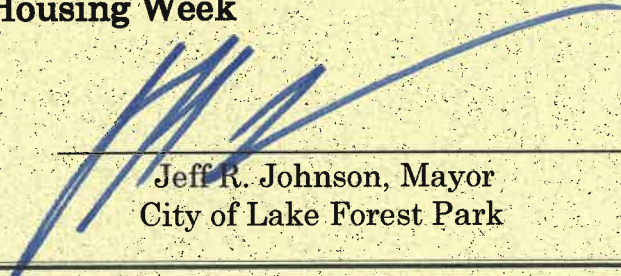
WHEREAS, united to raise public awareness, people, organizations, and communities throughout King County are participating in local Affordable Housing Week to elevate the critical need to preserve and increase affordable housing in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Forest Park endorses the goals, objectives, and purposes of Affordable Housing Week, and in doing so, recommits itself to ensuring that our community recovers equitable from the crises at hand, and that all people in Lake Forest Park live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED that I, Jeff Johnson, Mayor the City of Lake Forest Park, with the City Council concurring, do hereby proclaim the week of October 12-16, 2020 as

Affordable Housing Week





Jeff R. Johnson, Mayor
City of Lake Forest Park