



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 "housing for 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 446 people in our community sleeping outdoors without shelter in January of this year, and 5,990 families are considered "housing insecure" because they were spending more than half of their income on rent AND utilities; 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 December 31, 2020, to prevent families and individuals from losing their housing due to non-payment; 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 now experiencing homelessness has 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, Mayor of the City of Redmond, do hereby proclaim October 12-16, 2020, as

AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK

in the City of Redmond. The City endorses the goals, objectives, and purposes of Affordable Housing Week, and in doing so, recommits itself to ensuring that our community recovers equitably from the crises at hand, and that all people in Redmond live in healthy and affordable homes.

Angela Birney, Mayor

October 20, 2020

Date

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