



*Office of the Mayor
City of Tukwila, Washington*

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 2019 Point in Time Count found 332 people in Southwest King County sleeping outdoors without shelter, and 1,394 Tukwila families are considered “housing insecure,” because they are spending more than half of their income on rent & utilities; and

WHEREAS, there were 285 students identified as homeless during the 2018-2019 school year by the Tukwila School District; 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, 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;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Allan Ekberg, Mayor of the City of Tukwila, do hereby proclaim October 12 - 16, 2020 as:

Affordable Housing Week

in the City of Tukwila and encourage all community residents to join me in recognizing this special observance.

Signed this first day of October, 2020.

Allan Ekberg, Mayor