## City of Kenmore, Washington

## Affordable Housing Week

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, all people should have access to safe, healthy, and affordable homes within communities that provide opportunity; 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**, the CDC recognizes safe, healthy, and affordable housing within communities of opportunity as key social determinants of health; and

**WHEREAS,** the King County community has responded to the historic challenges presented by the pandemic, by delivering direct supports to families and individuals in precarious housing situations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kenmore has taken bold measures to meet constituent needs by supporting Governor Inslee's residential eviction moratorium to prevent Kenmore residents from losing their housing during the pandemic, and providing \$100,000 to Hopelink to help Kenmore residents with rental assistance, 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

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

WHEREAS, united to raise public awareness, people, organizations, and communities throughout King County are participating in local Affordable Housing Week activities to elevate the critical need to create healthy communities with ample affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kenmore endorses the goals, objectives, and purposes of Affordable Housing Week, and in doing so, firmly recommits itself to ensuring that our community's recovery from the crises at hand is equitable, and that all people in Kenmore live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes; NOW

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, David Baker, Mayor of the City of Kenmore, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **May 10-17** as **Affordable Housing Week** throughout the City of Kenmore. **IN WITNESS WHEREOF, signed this 10**<sup>th</sup> **day of May 2021**.

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Signed

Mayor David Baker

Attested: <u>Anasfasiya</u> World

City Clerk Anastasiya Warhol