

## **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, Governor Inslee has recognized the correlation between housing access and vulnerability and has extended a residential eviction moratorium through June 30, 2021, to prevent families and individuals from losing their housing; 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 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 Lake Forest Park 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 Lake Forest Park live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Lake Forest Park does hereby proclaim the week of May 9 - 15, 2021, as

**Affordable Housing Week** 

Jeff R. Johnson, Mayor ty of Lake Forest Park