



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, all people should have access to safe, healthy, and affordable homes within communities that provide opportunity; and
- WHEREAS, the CDC recognizes safe, healthy, and affordable housing within communities of opportunity as key social determinants of health; 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, the City of Redmond has taken bold measures to meet constituent needs through preventative outreach to homeless community members and those who are at-risk for being homeless, and by supporting our community shelters, local human services agencies, and A Regional Coalition for Housing to address the need for housing at the deepest levels of affordability; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Redmond recognizes the severity of the housing affordability crisis and strives to provide affordable housing to meet the growing demand and to reduce the impacts to those most cost burdened by rising housing costs; and
- WHEREAS, the Redmond Comprehensive Plan calls for Redmond to ensure an appropriate supply and mix of housing and affordability levels to meet the needs of people who work and desire to live in Redmond; and
- WHEREAS, the City remains committed to expanding housing choices and housing affordability for community members through the implementation of the recently adopted Housing Action Plan and through housing affordability programs and regulations such inclusionary zoning requirements, affordable housing sales tax credit funding, and multi-family tax exemption incentives; and
- WHEREAS, united to raise public awareness, people, organizations, and communities throughout King County are recognizing Affordable Housing Week and its theme of "Housing is Healthcare" to elevate the critical need to create healthy communities with ample affordable housing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, Mayor of the City of Redmond, Washington, do hereby proclaim  
May 10-17, 2021, 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, firmly recommits itself to ensuring that our community's recovery from the crises at hand is equitable, and that all people in Redmond live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes.

Angela Birney, Mayor

May 10, 2021

Date