



Sammamish, Washington
Proclamation
Affordable Housing Week
May 10- 14, 2021



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 most recent Point In Time Count found 6,320 people in King County sleeping outdoors without shelter in January of 2018, and 782 families are considered “housing insecure,” because they are spending more than half of their income on rent & utilities; 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, the All Home community identifies affordable housing as a critical component of making homelessness rare, brief, and one-time; 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 Association of Washington Cities determined that enhancing efforts address housing shortages and affordability was a critical priority for the 2019 Legislative Session; 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; and
WHEREAS, the City of Sammamish endorses the goals, objectives, and purposes of Affordable Housing Week, and in doing so, recommits itself to ensuring that our community thrives with opportunity, and that all people in it live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Sammamish does hereby proclaim the week of

May 10-14, 2021, as **Affordable Housing Week**

Mayor Karen Moran
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May 4, 2021
Date

