

Office of the Mayor
Enumclaw, Washington

Proclamation



WHEREAS, all people should have access to safe, healthy, and affordable homes within communities that provide opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines affordable housing as “as housing on which the occupant is paying no more than 30 percent of gross income for housing costs, including utilities.”; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Commerce projects that by 2044, King County needs nearly 200,000 net new housing units for households at or below 80% area median income; 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 increased costs of building affordable homes is driven in part by State of Washington policy, and a review of these is needed to reduce costs and provide more housing for all; and

WHEREAS, there were 128 students identified as homeless during the 2022-23 school year by the Enumclaw School District; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated many existing financial constraints for low- and moderate-income households; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recognizes safe, healthy, and affordable housing within communities of opportunity as key social determinants of health; 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 to raise public awareness, people, churches, 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 Enumclaw endorses the goals, objectives, and purposes of Affordable Housing Week, and in doing so, firmly recommit itself to ensuring that our community’s recovery from the crises at hand is equitable, and that all people in Enumclaw live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Enumclaw, does hereby proclaim the week of May 7th to 13th, 2023, as

AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK



*In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and caused this seal to be affixed.*

Jan Molinaro

ATTEST:

DATE:

2-28-23