



## 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 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, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor of the City of Issaquah, do hereby proclaim May 7-13 to be

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK

in the City of Issaquah. The City of Issaquah 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the City of Issaquah this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2023.



Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor