

# City of Kenmore, 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 “housing on which the occupant is paying no more than 30% 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 individuals who experience homelessness in metro areas and a 39% increase in nearby suburbs and rural areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated many existing financial constraints for low- and moderate-income households; 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 Kenmore City Council has made a commitment to increasing and preserving options for affordable housing stock as its second Council Priority for 2023-2024 and supports the view that every municipality needs to do its part to address the regional affordable housing crisis.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Nigel Herbig, Mayor of the City of Kenmore, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of May 7 to 13, 2023 as Affordable Housing Week in the City of Kenmore.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Nigel Herbig, Mayor

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_ Michelle Kang, Acting City Clerk