

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, all people should have access to safe, healthy, and affordable homes within communities of 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 percent of gross income for housing costs, including utilities."; and

Whereas, 12.6% of rental households in Kent are cost-burdened; spending more than 30% of their income on housing and may have difficulty affording other necessities such as food, transportation and medical care; 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 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, the City of Kent 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 Kent live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes;

Now therefore, I, Mayor Dana Ralph, do hereby proclaim the week of May 7 through 13, 2023 to be

Affordable Housing Week

in the city of Kent and urge our residents to join the city in 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 caused to be affixed the seal of the city of Kent this 2nd day of May 2023.



Dana Ralph

Mayor Dana Ralph