



## PROCLAMATION

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

*WHEREAS*, everyone benefits from affordable housing, including the people who reside in these properties, their neighbors, schools, businesses, employers, and the community as a whole; 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*, 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*, 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; and

*WHEREAS*, the City of Maple Valley endorses the goals, objectives, and purposes of Affordable Housing Week, and in doing so, firmly recommits itself to ensuring that our community thrives with opportunity, and that all people live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes; and

*NOW, THEREFORE*, we, the City Council of the City of Maple Valley, do hereby proclaim the week of May 7<sup>th</sup> to May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as: **AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK** in the City of Maple Valley.

Signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

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