



# 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Snoqualmie 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 Snoqualmie live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Katherine Ross, Mayor of the City of Snoqualmie do hereby proclaim the week of May 7 to 13, 2023, as

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK

**APPROVED**, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023

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Katherine Ross, Mayor  
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