



PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, studies show 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 2019 Point in Time Count found 277 people in North King County sleeping outdoors or in temporary shelter in January of this year, and 30% of Shoreline families are considered "housing cost-burdened," spending more than 35% of their income on rent; and

WHEREAS, there were 315 students identified as homeless during the 2017-2018 school year by the Shoreline School District; and

WHEREAS, the combined cost burden of housing plus transportation can be substantially reduced by locating affordable housing opportunities in proximity to transit; and

WHEREAS, the All Home community identifies affordable housing as a critical component of making homelessness rare, brief, and one-time; 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 Association of Washington Cities determined that enhancing state and local efforts to address housing shortages and affordability were a critical priority for the 2020 Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, united in an effort to raise public awareness, communities throughout King County are participating in local Affordable Housing Week efforts to inform the public of the critical need to preserve and increase affordable housing in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline 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; NOW

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Shoreline, does hereby proclaim the week of October 5th, 2020, as

AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK

Will Hall, Mayor

