



# PROCLAMATION

## Affordable Housing Week

**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**, 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**, 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 need for affordable homes across King County prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and the number of people experiencing homelessness has remained at crisis levels; 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 Bothell endorses the goals, objectives, and purposes of Affordable Housing Week, and in doing so, firmly recommits itself to ensuring and that all people in Bothell live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mason Thompson, do hereby proclaim the week of May 8 to 14, 2022, as Affordable Housing Week.

Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022

*Mason Thompson*

Mason Thompson (May 10, 2022 12:35 PDT)

Mason Thompson, Mayor