



JOINT PROCLAMATION
National Housing Week of Action and Affordable Housing Week

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

WHEREAS, the 2017 Point In Time Count found 5,485 people in Seattle alone sleeping outdoors without shelter in January, and 46,500 local families considered “housing insecure,” because they are spending more than half of their income on rent and utilities; and

WHEREAS, during the 2016-17 school year, the school districts of Auburn, Federal Way, Highline, Kent, Renton, and Tukwila identified nearly 3,500 students as homeless, among some 41,000 students statewide; and

WHEREAS, recent research has shown that 13% of community college students nationwide have experienced homelessness and another 43% have experienced housing insecurity within a year’s period; 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 in an effort to raise public awareness, institutions and communities throughout King County are participating in local initiatives this May to inform the public of the critical need to preserve and increase affordable housing in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Highline College endorses the goals, objectives, and purposes of these awareness campaigns 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 Highline does hereby proclaim the week of May 1-8, 2018, as National Housing Week of Action and the week of May 14-18, 2018, as Affordable Housing Week.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Wagnitz", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Wagnitz, Ed.D
Interim President

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