



WHEREAS, all people should have access to safe, healthy, and affordable homes within communities of opportunity; 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 2017 Point In Time Count found 5,485 people in our community sleeping outdoors without shelter in January, and 46,500 local families are considered "housing insecure," because they are spending more than half of their income on rent & utilities; and

WHEREAS, there were 4,280 students identified as homeless during the 2016-17 school year by Seattle Public Schools and nearly 41,000 in Washington state; 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 efforts to address housing shortages and affordability was a critical priority for the 2018 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, Seattle University 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 Seattle University does hereby proclaim the week of May 14-18, 2018, as

Affordable Housing Week



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President, Seattle University
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