



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 January 2019 Point In Time Count found 5,288 people in our county sleeping outdoors without shelter, and 124,200 households in King County are severely cost burdened because they are spending more than half of their income on rent & utilities; and

WHEREAS, there were more than 9,000 K-12 students in King County public school districts identified as homeless during the 2017-18 school year; and

WHEREAS, a 2018 national survey of 43,000 college students by Wisconsin HOPE Lab found 12 percent of community college and 9 percent of university students reported they were homeless; 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 increase affordable housing, decrease homelessness, and improve a strained behavioral health system was a critical priority for the 2019 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 13-17, 2019, as

Affordable Housing Week

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