Proclamation

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 nearby suburbs and rural areas; and

Whereas, the most recent Point In Time Count found 160 people in our community sleeping outdoors without shelter, and 5,609 families are considered "housing insecure," because they are spending more than half of their income on rent & utilities; and

Whereas, there were 573 students identified as homeless during the 2016-17 school year by the Renton School District; 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, 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 Renton 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, I, Denis Law, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim May 13-17, 2019, to be

Affordable Housing Week

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 13th day of May, 2019.

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Denis Law, Mayor
City of Renton, Washington