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Whereas: access to safe, healthy and affordable housing is a cornerstone of vibrant, equitable communities and essential to the well-being of residents; and

Whereas: the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development defines affordable housing as housing for which a household pays no more than 30 percent of its gross income on housing costs, including utilities; and

Whereas: the Washington State Department of Commerce projects that by 2044, King County will need nearly 200,000 net new housing units for households at or below 80 percent of the area median income, underscoring the continued urgency of expanding affordable housing options; and

Whereas: the city of Bellevue is actively advancing solutions through implementation of its Affordable Housing Strategy, with a goal of producing or preserving 5,700 affordable homes over the next decade, alongside continued investments and partnerships to support housing stability; and

Whereas: Bellevue is increasing housing supply through actions such as making city-owned land available for affordable housing development, supporting transit-oriented development, expanding housing opportunities through land use changes and investing in services that support residents experiencing housing instability; and

Whereas: Affordable Housing Week is a time for communities across King County to raise awareness, promote solutions and recognize the importance of ensuring access to affordable housing for all.

Now, therefore, I, Mo Malakoutian, Mayor of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **May 11–15, 2026 as**

Affordable Housing Week

and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of affordable housing in building a strong, inclusive community and to support efforts that expand access to safe, healthy and affordable homes for all.

Mo Malakoutian, Mayor



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