

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

PROCLAMATION

Whereas: All people should have access to safe, healthy, and affordable homes within communities of opportunity; 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 most recent Point in Time Count found 5,485 people in King County, including 284 on the Eastside, sleeping outdoors without shelter, and the All Home Community identifies affordable housing as a critical component of making homelessness rare, brief, and one-time; and

Whereas: The Bellevue School District identified 253 students as homeless this school year and 7,865 Bellevue families are considered “housing insecure,” because they are spending more than half of their income on housing costs; and

Whereas: Recent Bellevue surveys of residents and businesses show the community’s increasing concern about housing affordability; and

Whereas: The City Council has adopted an Affordable Housing Strategy that includes new tools to ensure affordable housing opportunities are available throughout the city at a range of affordability levels that reflect our population and workforce; and

Whereas: The City is a member of ARCH, a nationally recognized organization, that supports the efforts of its members to create affordable housing in our city and communities throughout East King County; 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: The City of Bellevue 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 John Chelminiak, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 14-18, 2018** as:

Affordable Housing Week

in Bellevue, and encourage its citizens to join in this effort.

John L. Chelminiak
Mayor