



## City of Mercer Island, Washington

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated many existing financial constraints for low- and moderate-income households; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Inslee has extended a residential eviction moratorium through October 15th, 2020 to prevent families and individuals from losing their housing due to non-payment; and

**WHEREAS**, housing stability and staying socially distant from those outside of our household has become our state's core public health strategy; 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 need for affordable homes across King County prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and the number of people experiencing homelessness had remained at crisis levels; and

**WHEREAS**, Affordable Housing Week calls attention to the severe challenges of homelessness and the lack of affordable housing in King County.

**WHEREAS**, by increasing attention to this issue and by working together, across communities and across sectors, we can turn the tide to ensure all people have access to a safe, healthy, affordable home.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Benson Wong, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim October 12-16, 2020 as

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK

in the City of Mercer Island and the City endorses the goals, objectives, and purposes of Affordable Housing Week, and in doing so, recommits itself to ensuring that our community recovers equitable from the crises at hand, and that all people in the City of Mercer Island live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes.

**APPROVED**, this 6th day of October 2020



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Mayor Benson Wong