

# Proclamation

- Whereas,** quality affordable housing is vital to healthy, safe, vibrant, and diverse communities; and
- Whereas,** affordable homes are the solution to homelessness, and provide support to seniors, families, youth, veterans, and people with disabilities; and
- Whereas,** rising housing costs have led longtime residents to be displaced, live in overcrowded and substandard homes, or become homeless, threatening our region's diversity and economic prosperity; and
- Whereas,** creating new permanently affordable homes and preserving and improving existing housing helps our residents maintain community roots and encourages racial and economic diversity for generations; and
- Whereas,** affordable homes close to public transit and jobs reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide low income families better access to opportunities and amenities; and
- Whereas,** empowering and engaging local resident leaders helps create better housing, tenant protections, and development policies; and
- Whereas,** non-profit organizations, local jurisdictions, community organizations, faith-based groups, and many others continue to build inclusive communities by providing shelter, homes and support for low-income people and those with special needs; and
- Whereas,** local jurisdictions such as Alameda County and the City of Alameda play an important role by providing local resources for affordable housing to leverage federal, state and other funds; and
- Whereas,** East Bay Housing Organizations have organized Affordable Housing Week for 23 years and this year will feature 17 events in 9 cities, acknowledging the need for and benefits of affordable housing.

**Now, therefore be it resolved,** that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim May 9 – 19th, 2019 as the

## 23rd Annual Affordable Housing Week

in Alameda where we will work to support affordable housing at the local, regional and state level. We encourage residents to participate in Affordable Housing Week activities.



Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft  
Mayor

