



WHEREAS, The month of May is recognized as Affordable Housing Month and is a time to observe how integral housing is in the establishment and sustainability of healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, having access to housing is one of the most basic needs for survival but due to social, economic, and political challenges; many people struggle to obtain and maintain affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, After the Great Depression, the federal government became involved in housing issues facing the nation by creating numerous housing and finance programs to aid in the social, political, and economic difficulties experienced by individuals and families of all income levels; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that affordable housing is not currently available to every current or prospective Sun Prairie community member and that economic inequality, restrictive and exclusionary development regulations, discriminatory lending practices, and a shortage of affordable housing types have resulted in a housing market that disadvantages households experiencing low income or hardship, and communities of color, in particular; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that although affordable housing has been a historical challenge and continues to be unto this present day, the City of Sun Prairie is committed to exploring solutions, taking actions, and partnering with local, regional, and national partners to address the multifaceted issue of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, we commit to affirmatively further fair housing by taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, to overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunities and civil liberties such as housing; and

WHEREAS, The City of Sun Prairie strives to be a welcoming and inclusive community that contains housing for individuals and families of all backgrounds and financial means so they may have an opportunity to thrive here; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Paul Esser, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, on behalf of the City of Sun Prairie, hereby proclaim May 2023 as

Affordable Housing Month

And encourage everyone to advocate for affordable housing and engage in the various activities' city staff and our partner organizations have planned throughout this month

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Sun Prairie to be affixed on this the 2nd day of May, 2023.
Paul Esser, Mayor