



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
Snohomish County, Washington**

**JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24-008**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL AND  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS, FAMILIES, AND  
RESPONDERS OF THE 2014 SR 530 LANDSLIDE**

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 2014, a massive landslide occurred along SR 530, resulting in devastating impacts to the community of Oso, and nearby town of Darrington and city of Arlington. It was the single deadliest landslide in our nation's history, claiming the lives of 43 people, destroying 49 homes and 112 properties; and

**WHEREAS**, community members responded immediately, bringing excavation equipment and shovels to help with the search and rescue efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the massive response included over 900 local, state, tribal and federal responders working side by side with volunteers, families, and neighbors. They toiled for weeks in cold weather, rain, mud, and areas inundated with water; and

**WHEREAS**, there was also widespread loss of personal property from the devastating event, communications were severed, and many survivors were unable to commute to work. Businesses lost access to their employees, customers, and supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, the disaster was extensive, with mud, soil and rock debris covering an area 1,500 feet long, 4,400 feet wide and up to 70 feet deep; and

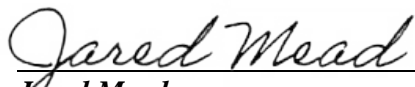
**WHEREAS**, for years afterward, the Oso Slide Memorial Committee worked with family members, community members and Snohomish County Parks and Recreation to build a permanent memorial at the site of the mudslide. The goal of this collaborative process was to pay tribute to those who were lost, as well as the survivors, responders, and surrounding communities; and


**WHEREAS**, preparation and construction on the memorial site began in October 2022 and was recently completed. The memorial provides a place of healing and reflection to those impacted by the tragedy; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 2024, the Remembrance and Memorial Dedication will take place to recognize ten years since the SR 530 landslide and to honor victims, survivors, families, surrounding communities, and responders;

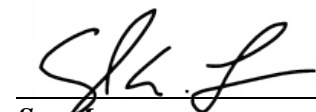
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Snohomish County Council and the Snohomish County Executive do hereby jointly recognize the 10-year anniversary of this tragic event, honor the memories of those lost and the communities impacted, and express gratitude to the many who responded to this event and to those who collaborated to build this educational and profoundly significant memorial.

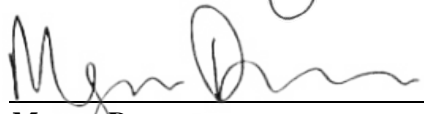
**APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.**

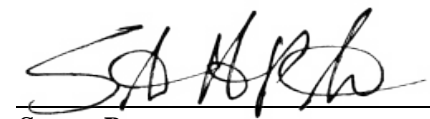
  
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