



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-017**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL RECOGNIZING  
MAY 2026 AS NATIONAL THERAPEUTIC COURT MONTH IN  
SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

***WHEREAS,** Snohomish County provides therapeutic court interventions through Superior Court Adult Recovery Court, Family Recovery Court, and Assisted Outpatient Treatment; and District Court through the Mental Health Court and Community Courts; and Municipal Courts through Mental Health and Community Courts; and*

***WHEREAS,** therapeutic courts improve both public health and public safety, using evidence-based approaches to support individuals and families affected by substance use and behavioral health conditions in making long-term changes that create safer, healthier communities and benefit us all; and*

***WHEREAS,** Snohomish County is a leader in creating meaningful pathways out of the legal system and towards recovery and family reunification; values collaboration among legal and behavioral health services, and the community; and supports innovative courts operating at all court levels; and*

***WHEREAS,** therapeutic courts have an upstream impact, interrupting generational cycles of substance use and legal involvement and helping to prevent adverse childhood experiences associated with parental substance use, incarceration, and foster care; and*

***WHEREAS,** therapeutic courts demonstrate that compassionate public policy can result in a cost benefit for taxpayers, with studies showing participation resulting in savings due to crime and incarceration reduction, lower rates of hospitalization, fewer emergency department visits, less involvement in child welfare systems, and fewer children born drug-affected; and*

***WHEREAS,** therapeutic court participants and alumni create positive ripple effects in their communities, inspiring hope and giving back as productive employees, present parents, good neighbors, dedicated mentors, and effective role models for others in the recovery community; and*

***WHEREAS,** the lives of thousands of therapeutic court participants living in Snohomish County, along with their families, are transformed each year through their participation in a therapeutic court process that provides the support and structure they need to overcome addiction and mental health conditions;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Snohomish County Council does hereby recognize May 2026 as National Therapeutic Court Month in Snohomish County and encourages all who live and work in Snohomish County to take part in programs, events, and activities to celebrate and learn more about our recovery and Therapeutic Court community.*

**APPROVED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

**Megan Dunn**  
Council Chair

**Sam Low**  
Council Vice-Chair

**Nate Nehring**  
Councilmember

**Jared Mead**  
Councilmember

**Strom Peterson**  
Councilmember

ATTEST:

**Debbie Eco, CMC**  
Clerk of the Council