

## SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

## **RESOLUTION NO. 21-039**

## **RECOGNIZING MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021, AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Snohomish County recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Coast Salish peoples, including Sauk-Suiattle, Stillaguamish, Tulalip, and other tribes, inhabited the Salish Sea region that encompasses the shorelands and uplands of Snohomish County for thousands of years, using the area to harvest salmon, shellfish and land-based resources; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County is named for the anglicized version of the Lushootseed name for the sduhubš (Sdo-ho-bsh) people; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous Peoples enjoyed and exhibited a rich, diverse culture and enduring spirit that continues to be present and celebrated to this day throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County values the many contributions made to our community by the Indigenous Peoples through knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts and the deep cultural contribution that has substantially shaped the character of this County; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, officially recognizing Indigenous Peoples on the second Monday of October would help provide a more balanced representation of our region's long cultural history; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County joins a growing number of cities and counties that have recognized the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day, creating an opportunity to promote appreciation, tolerance, understanding, friendship, and partnerships among Indigenous Peoples and all who live, work, or visit in Snohomish County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council recognizes Indigenous Peoples' Day on the second Monday in October.

APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

Stephanie Wright

Council Chair

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ATTEST: Debbie Eco, CMC

*Clerk of the Council*