



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 21-049

RECOGNIZING SNOHOMISH COUNTY AS A PURPLE HEART COUNTY

WHEREAS, Snohomish County has a proud history of supporting our active military and veteran population; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart Medal is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as a Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart Medal was the first award made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded in combat or have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms being killed in action against a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among combat-wounded veterans and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly, to make sure that we never forget the sacrifices of our military service men and women; and

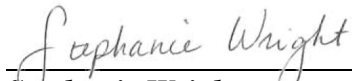
WHEREAS, Snohomish County has a large veteran population with many of its veterans being Purple Heart recipients; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Interstate 5 in Washington, which services Snohomish County, is now memorialized as part of the National Purple Heart Trail, and proudly joins Thurston County and Lewis County as the third Purple Heart County in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County appreciates the sacrifices of all of its military veterans, combat veterans, Purple Heart recipients, and their families for the sacrifices that they have made in defending our freedoms and wants to express and honor them;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council does hereby recognize Snohomish County as a Purple Heart County and encourages residents and businesses of Snohomish County to show their appreciation for the sacrifices Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.

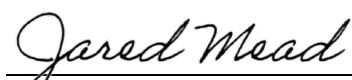
APPROVED this 6th day of December, 2021.



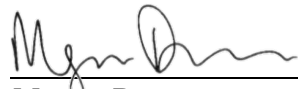
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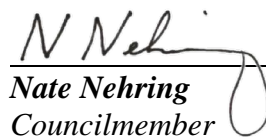
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ATTEST: 

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