## SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

## **MOTION NO. 24-389**

## APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES INC.

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office is to determine the cause and manner of death of person who fall under the jurisdiction of the Medical Examiner; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office requires quantitative toxicology results to determine cause and manner of death in opioid related deaths; and

WHEREAS, Washington State Toxicology Laboratory results are currently delayed three (3) or more months; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office recognizes that providing expedited toxicology results as requested by law enforcement, social services programs, and the MAC Group is essential to fighting the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the vendor was chosen through the competitive bid process (RFP-015RB); and

WHEREAS, National Medical Services Inc. has the experience, expertise, and capacity to provide expedited drug analysis for postmortem cases;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the County Council approves and authorizes the Executive to execute the contract for National Medical Services, Inc. toxicology services not to exceed \$584,000 before June 30, 2027.

PASSED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

Jared Mead
Jouncil Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Council