

## SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE Snohomish County, Washington

## RESOLUTION NO. 21-034

## RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 5-11, 2021, AS SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

WHEREAS, suicide is a major public health issue that requires vigilant attention and preventative action with 111 deaths by suicide recorded in Snohomish County during 2020; and

WHEREAS, each death by suicide directly impacts many family members, friends, loved ones, and by extension the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County is committed to raising awareness, reducing stigma, and providing education and training on suicide prevention; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County is committed to ensuring that those in need have access to services by healthcare providers trained in best practices to reduce suicide risk, and to reducing the stigma associated with using behavioral health treatment or losing a loved one to suicide; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County's Crisis Services team provides comprehensive, flexible, and community-based services throughout Snohomish County 24 hours a day, including crisis assessment, stabilization, referrals, and follow up services; and

WHEREAS, all are asked to join together and take a stand to help those who are contemplating suicide; and

WHEREAS, September 5-11 is recognized across the United States as Suicide Prevention Week and provides the opportunity to educate oneself about warning signs and how best to help those most in need;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Snohomish County Council does hereby recognize that the week of September 5-11, 2021, be declared Suicide Prevention Week throughout Snohomish County.

APPROVED this 8th day of September, 2021.

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