



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 23-020

RECOGNIZING MAY 5, 2023, IN CELEBRATION OF CINCO DE MAYO IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo is celebrated each year as a date of great importance by the Mexican and Mexican-American communities in our county and across our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Cinco de Mayo holiday commemorates the victory of the Mexican Army over the French army at The Battle of Puebla in 1862; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County is home to a significant Latino population who celebrate the Cinco de Mayo holiday; and

WHEREAS, the Cinco de Mayo holiday is not only the commemoration of the rout of the French troops at the town of Puebla in Mexico, but is also a celebration of the virtues of individual courage and patriotism of all Mexicans and Mexican-Americans who have fought for freedom and independence against foreign aggressors; and

WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo serves as a reminder that the foundation of the United States is built by people from many nations and diverse cultures who are willing to fight and die for freedom; and

WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo also serves as a reminder of the close familial, cultural, spiritual and economic ties between the people of Mexico and the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County recognizes the strong commitment to continue this annual celebration as a united and committed community to celebrate Mexican identity and, promote cultural awareness; and

WHEREAS, in a larger sense Cinco de Mayo symbolizes the right of a free people to self-determination, just as Benito Juarez once said, “El respeto al derecho ajeno es la paz.” (“The respect of other people’s rights is peace”);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council hereby recognizes May 5, 2023, to be a day for celebration of Cinco de Mayo in Snohomish County and call upon officials, educators, businesses, volunteers and people of Snohomish County to join us in celebrating and recognizing this day in honor of our Mexican-American culture and heritage.

APPROVED this 3rd day of May, 2023.

Jared Mead
Council Chair

Nate Nehring
Council Vice-Chair

Sam Low
Councilmember

Megan Dunn
Councilmember

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Councilmember

ATTEST:

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