



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Snohomish County, Washington**

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21-011

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL AND
COUNTY EXECUTIVE RECOGNIZING APRIL 22, 2021, AS EARTH DAY IN
SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970 and engaged over 20 million people throughout the United States to advocate for a cleaner environment; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day has now grown into a world-wide event and annually brings focus to the most critical environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, climate change is threatening our future and is one of the most significant and complex challenges we face; and

WHEREAS, most climate scientists agree that the main cause of climate change is the intensification of the “greenhouse effect,” which is attributed to human activities, especially in the last 50 years; and

WHEREAS, in Snohomish County, the effects of climate change include sea level rise along our coastlines, extreme heat risk in our urban centers, floods in our low lying agricultural lands, wildfire risk throughout our vast forested lands, habitat loss for our salmon and orca populations, and more; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County government is planning for a more resilient county that can better withstand and adapt to a changing climate, while taking steps to decrease our dependence on non-renewable energy sources; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Snohomish County Council and Snohomish County Executive approved Joint Resolution 19-006 committing Snohomish County to a goal of 100% clean energy by 2045; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County reaffirms its commitment to raising awareness of climate change among our residents and to taking new actions necessary to maximize energy conservation and minimize greenhouse gas emissions for county government operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council and the Snohomish County Executive do hereby jointly recognize April 22, 2021, as Earth Day in Snohomish County and call upon the people of Snohomish County to join us in celebrating the Earth and committing ourselves to living more sustainably.

Snohomish County is not organizing the typical Earth Day event this year because of COVID-19. However, please join us in a few county-sponsored events:

- Beach litter clean-up organized by the Marine Resources Committee and Snohomish County: <https://www.snocomrc.org/projects/earth-day/>
- Kayak Point Park Ivy Pulling: <https://www.facebook.com/events/197835105447492/>

Community members are also encouraged to consider organizing their own hyper-local Earth Day activity, to minimize greenhouse gas emissions (and also stay COVID-19 safe). For example, activities could be picking up litter in your neighborhood or at a nearby stream, lake, or waterbody.

Finally, the County is looking for more forest stewards to participate in the Snohomish County Healthy Forest Project. Visit the Snohomish County Healthy Forest Project website (<https://forterra.org/subpage/green-snohomish-county>) to learn more and sign-up!

APPROVED this 21st day of April, 2021.



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