



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 24-040

**RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2024 AS PUGET SOUND STARTS HERE MONTH
IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

WHEREAS, we resolve to protect Puget Sound and its tributaries which are the source of our communities' wellbeing, health, economy and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we are on the land of the Coast Salish, who have stewarded this land from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, a healthy and vibrant Puget Sound defines our Northwest culture, as do our indigenous people's stories, our tribal Treaty responsibilities, and our shared legacy for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the health of Puget Sound is declining, and creatures and plants great and small, from our bull kelp forests and salmon, to our orcas and shellfish, all creatures are at risk from the human impacts of stormwater runoff, loss of natural habitats, and a changing climate; and

WHEREAS, we all have the power to protect our Puget Sound treasure, work together to discover and take clean water actions through the Puget Sound Starts Here Campaign; and

WHEREAS, in September, Snohomish County will join with other governing bodies, organizations and community groups to strengthen stewardship of our shared watershed and encourage all to take action to improve the health of Puget Sound;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Snohomish County Council does hereby recognize September 2024, as Puget Sound Starts Here Month in Snohomish County and encourages all who live, work, and play in Snohomish County to recognize and support clean water and healthy habits by joining in this special observance and discovering how to make a difference and be part of the solution.

APPROVED this 4th day of September, 2024.

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Council Chair

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