

## SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

## RESOLUTION NO. 22-030

## RECOGNIZING MAY 6-12, 2022, AS NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

**WHEREAS**, National Nurses Week begins each year on May 6<sup>th</sup> and ends on May 12<sup>th</sup>, which is Florence Nightingale's birthday; and

WHEREAS, the 8<sup>th</sup> of May is designated as National Student Nurses Day, and National School Nurse Day is celebrated on the Wednesday within National Nurses Week each year; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, the American Nurses Association expanded National Nurses Week to a month-long celebration in May with weekly themes including: Self Care, Recognition, Professional Development and Community Engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, "Rooted in Strength" is the theme for 2022 as announced by American Association of Critical-Care Nurses; and

WHEREAS, Washington has over 68,000 practicing registered nurses; and

WHEREAS, nurses are the heart of healthcare, having a critical responsibility to uphold the highest level of quality and standards in their practice, including fostering a safe work environment; and

WHEREAS, nursing is a physically demanding position, many nurses cycle through 12-hour shifts on their feet, giving up holidays with their families and working through nights and weekends; and

WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meet the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS, nursing, in general, is stressful and COVID-19 only amplifies that, we recognize the commitment of our nursing professionals and the irreplaceable role they have in our healthcare ecosystem, requiring critical thinking, advanced training, compassion and attentive care;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Snohomish County Council does hereby recognize May 6-12, 2022, as National Nurses Week in Snohomish County and encourage Snohomish County residents to recognize and show appreciation to nurses and the contributions nurses make to our community.

APPROVED this 4th day of May, 2022.

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