



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 23-022

**RECOGNIZING MAY 21-27, 2023, AS PUBLIC WORKS WEEK IN
SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and comfort of our community greatly depends on the efficient operation of public works systems such as roads, bridges, emergency response, and solid waste management; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Public Works staff manage more than 1,600 miles of roads and 200 bridges in unincorporated Snohomish County, serving a county population of 827,957 (2020 Census) that continues to grow each year. In 2022, staff constructed several large transportation improvement projects, constructed 4.14 miles of sidewalks, used 262 tons of asphalt to repair potholes, cleaned and swept 9,685 miles of roads, inspected 144 bridges, removed snow from nearly 68,000 road miles during two snow and ice events, processed 560,464 tons of garbage and 22 tons of recycled materials, disposed of 2.7 million pounds of household hazardous waste, and served 905,422 customers at solid waste transfer stations and drop box sites; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the residents, businesses, and civic leaders in Snohomish County to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs through public outreach and social media in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, 2023 marks the 63rd annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 2023 National Public Works Week is “Connecting the World Through Public Works” and Snohomish County Public Works staff continue to prove they are prepared to handle unforeseen issues the County may face with perseverance and determination, not only in the day-to-day operations, but by going above and beyond in uncertain times of need and crisis to accomplish goals once thought unattainable; and

WHEREAS, the 6th annual Public Works Employee Excellence Awards program will coincide with National Public Works Week, and staff members who consistently demonstrate the highest professional standards will be recognized before County Council for their contributions to public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council recognizes May 21-27, 2023, as National Public Works Week in Snohomish County and encourages all who live, work, and play in Snohomish County to recognize the substantial contributions Public Works officials make every day to our health, safe, comfort, and development.

APPROVED this 16th day of May, 2023.

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