



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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 26-034**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL CELEBRATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION IN AMERICA 250 EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

*WHEREAS, July 4, 2026, marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America; and*

*WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence memorialized the principles that all people are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness,*

*WHEREAS, we recognize that the promise of those ideals has been advanced over time by people and movements working to expand freedom, justice, and equal rights; and*

*WHEREAS, America’s 250th birthday, also known as its semiquincentennial, provides an opportunity to reflect on the ideals of our nation’s founding, our constitutional system of self-government, and the responsibilities of civic engagement; and*

*WHEREAS, the United States Congress established the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission to coordinate celebrations throughout the nation; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Washington established the Washington State Semiquincentennial Committee to encourage America 250 events and activities focused on significant cultural, historical, and civic milestones in our state's history; and*

*WHEREAS, our nation’s story is built upon civic participation, freedom, innovation, resilience, service, and the ongoing work of building a more inclusive democracy; and*

*WHEREAS, generations of brave Americans have defended our right to self-determination through military service; and*

*WHEREAS, countless other Americans have dedicated their lives to public service as first responders, educators, and other civil servants; and*

*WHEREAS, the American system has enabled entrepreneurs to create products and services that have changed the world; and*

*WHEREAS, Snohomish County embodies the spirit of America, and its residents, workers, immigrant communities, and local businesses have contributed to the growth and prosperity of Washington State and the nation through commerce, industry, aerospace, technology, education, public service, and the arts; and*

*WHEREAS, the semiquincentennial provides an opportunity to promote civic engagement, historical literacy, volunteerism, and a broader appreciation for those who came before us; and*

*WHEREAS, schools, libraries, museums, historical societies, veterans organizations, Tribal governments, cultural and labor organizations, immigrant and refugee communities, civic groups, businesses, faith communities, community-based organizations, and local governments all play important roles in celebrating and promoting the significance of America 250;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,*** that the Snohomish County Council hereby recognizes and celebrates the 250th anniversary of the United States of America and encourages residents, businesses, and organizations throughout Snohomish County to participate in America 250 commemorative activities that inspire future generations to engage in public life, strengthen community bonds, and continue the work of strengthening liberty, justice, and opportunity for future generations.

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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**Megan Dunn**  
Council Chair

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**Sam Low**  
Council Vice-Chair

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**Nate Nehring**  
Councilmember

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**Jared Mead**  
Councilmember

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**Strom Peterson**  
Councilmember

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elena Lao, CMC  
Deputy Clerk of the Council