



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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 26-026**

**RECOGNIZING MEMORIAL DAY IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

***WHEREAS**, one of the earliest Memorial Day ceremonies is believed to have been held by freed Black Americans on May 1, 1865, in Charleston, South Carolina, less than a month after the American Civil War; and*

***WHEREAS**, Waterloo, New York, first celebrated Memorial Day as a community event on May 5, 1866, and the first national commemoration, originally known as Decoration Day, was held in Arlington National Cemetery on May 30, 1868; and*

***WHEREAS**, for over 100 years Memorial Day was recognized on May 30, but since 1971 it is observed on the last Monday in May, and during World War I the observance expanded to honor all military service members who died in any American war; and*

***WHEREAS**, today Memorial Day honors nearly 1.2 million military personnel who died serving in all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces since the Revolutionary War; and*

***WHEREAS**, Snohomish County is home to approximately 45,680 military veterans, and Naval Station Everett—one of the United States military’s strategic West Coast ports—has been integral to our county’s culture, character, and economy for over 30 years; and*

***WHEREAS**, Naval Station Everett provides thousands of funeral honors throughout the year, including the folding and presentation of the American flag and the playing of “Taps,” reflecting the deep commitment of our active-duty service members and community to remember those who sacrificed everything in defense of our freedoms; and*

***WHEREAS**, these solemn observances reflect our community’s enduring commitment to remember the fallen, cherish their memories, and renew our patriotism;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Snohomish County Council hereby recognizes May 25, 2026, as Memorial Day in Snohomish County and extend their profound gratitude to the many United States military personnel who have died while serving on active duty in our nation’s armed forces.*

**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