



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 26-020

**RECOGNIZING MAY 5, 2026, IN CELEBRATION OF
CINCO DE MAYO IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo is celebrated annually as a date of tremendous significance by the Mexican and Mexican-American communities in Snohomish County and across our nation; and

WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo commemorates the victory of the Mexican Army over France at the Battle of Puebla in 1862 during the Franco-Mexican War; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County is home to a large Latino population who celebrate the Cinco de Mayo holiday; and

WHEREAS, the Cinco de Mayo holiday is a celebration of individual bravery and patriotism of all Mexicans and Mexican-Americans who fought for freedom and independence against heavily-armed invading French military forces; and

WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo serves as a reminder that the United States is comprised of people from around the world with diverse cultures who are willing to fight and die for freedom; and

WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo also underscores the close familial, cultural, spiritual, and economic ties between the people of Mexico and the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County recognizes the strong commitment to carry forward this annual tradition to honor Mexican identity and promote cultural awareness; and

WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo is emblematic of the right to self-determination, just as Benito Juarez once stated, “El respeto al derecho ajeno es la paz” (“The respect of other people’s rights is peace”);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council does hereby recognize May 5, 2026, to be a day for celebration of Cinco de Mayo in Snohomish County. The County Council encourages officials, educators, businesses, volunteers, and residents in Snohomish County to celebrate and recognize this day in honor of our Mexican-American culture and heritage.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Megan Dunn
Council Chair

Sam Low
Council Vice-Chair

Nate Nehring
Councilmember

Jared Mead
Councilmember

Strom Peterson
Councilmember

ATTEST: _____
Elena Lao, CMC
Deputy Clerk of the Council