

## SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE Snohomish County, Washington

## JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21-023

## A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE HONORING MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is a national holiday, held on the last Monday of May, whereby Americans, veterans service organizations, and elected officials celebrate with patriotic and memorial ceremonies at monuments and cemeteries here in Snohomish County and throughout this great nation; and

WHEREAS, since our Nation's founding, America's sons and daughters have given their lives in service to our country, from Concord and Gettysburg, to Marne and Normandy, from Inchon and Saigon, to Baghdad and Kandahar; and they departed our world as heroes and gave their lives for a cause greater than themselves; and

WHEREAS, America's veterans and families have sacrificed to secure our way of life, our liberties, our rights, and those of others, both at home and around the world, and we offer our sincerest appreciation and gratitude to all who currently serve and those who have served the United States; and

WHEREAS, we honor the service and sacrifice of our disabled veterans, prisoners of war, and those missing in action who will never be forgotten, and we acknowledge the sacrifice and sorrow of families who lost sons or daughters, mothers or fathers, spouses, and siblings due to war and terrorism, and we acknowledge a debt of honor beyond our capacity to repay; and

WHEREAS, residents and their elected government should encourage educating America's children in our schools about American patriotism, courageous military veterans who have fought and sacrificed their lives for American Constituional liberties, and the relevance of Memorial Day by having the opportunity to participate in a symbolic act to respectfully honor the memory and actions of America's heroes; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 31<sup>st</sup> of this year, our residents will recognize Memorial Day by paying tribute to over one million three hundred thousand American men and women who gave their lives in service to our country and in defense of our precious freedoms, and we will honor the millions more who are prepared to do the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council and the Snohomish County Executive do hereby jointly recognize May 31, 2021, as Memorial Day and express their full support for honoring Snohomish County's military service members past, present, and future.

APPROVED this 26th day of May, 2021.

Stephanie Wright
Council Chair

**Megan Dunn** Council Vice-Chair

Nate Nehring
Councilmember

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