

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 21-028

FOR THE PHI THETA KAPPA'S TIME CAPSULE PROJECT, SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL REFLECTS ON THE YEAR 2020 AND THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AND EXPRESSES HOPE FOR OUR FUTURE

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Council is honored to participate in the Everett Community College Phi Theta Kappa Chapter's time capsule project; and

WHEREAS, Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society which promotes scholarship, leadership development, service and the cultivation of fellowship among students; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 disease, caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person which may result in serious illness or death was classified by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the very first case of the Coronavirus reported in the United States was right here in Snohomish County in January of 2020; and

WHEREAS, 2020 was a tumultuous year that saw the onset of a deadly pandemic, unemployment at unprecedented rates, widespread protests over systemic racism, and a presidential election that was deeply contentious; and

WHEREAS, though 2020 was filled with strife, hope still prevailed and true heroes emerged: frontline medical workers, essential workers, scientists, teachers, volunteers at testing sites, pop-up food banks, neighbors providing mutual aid, parents coordinating learning pods, people hand-sewing masks for others, and Medical Reserve Corps volunteers; and

WHEREAS, our lives changed overnight because of the Coronavirus and in some positive ways: improvements in innovation including remote working and learning, medical breakthroughs, more awareness and less stigmatization of mental health issues, and more awareness and increase in concern over societal inequities and racial injustice;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council recognizes and appreciates the outstanding local heroes that have made a difference during this time of crisis, and recognizes that this pandemic has brought to light inequities in our society, and Snohomish County Council will continue to make strides towards racial equity and social justice and hope that when this capsule is opened and read we will live in a community where every human is celebrated.

APPROVED this 16th day of June, 2021.

Jared Mead Councilmember

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