



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 26-025

RECOGNIZING MAY 17-23, 2026, AS PUBLIC WORKS WEEK IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

***WHEREAS**, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities, and to the public health, high quality of life, and well-being of the people of Snohomish County; and*

***WHEREAS**, the health, safety and comfort of our community greatly depends on the efficient operation of public works systems such as roads, bridges, emergency response, and solid waste management; and*

***WHEREAS**, nearly 600 full-time, part-time, and seasonal Snohomish County Public Works employees continue to commit themselves to maintaining over 1,600 miles of roads, more than 211 bridges, and more than 200 traffic signals, processing in excess of 670,000 tons of garbage and more than 8,000 tons of recyclable material, while serving a county of more than 840,000 residents and thousands of businesses; and*

***WHEREAS**, in 2025, Public Works replaced two bridges and provided maintenance for a third bridge, improved pedestrian facilities at 12 locations with higher volumes of sidewalk traffic to comply with ADA requirements, constructed more than 10,000 feet of new bike lanes to facilitate non-motorized travel, and chip sealed more than 66 miles of county roads as part of its annual road preservation program; and*

***WHEREAS**, Public Works assisted county residents during the 2025/2026 winter flooding event that caused \$3.65 million in damage by waiving \$68,500 in resident dumping fees, processed more than 802,000 tons of garbage at county facilities, and removed more than 650 tons of debris from 281 illegal dump sites across the county as part of its environmental cleanup efforts; and*

***WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest for the residents, businesses, civic leaders, and children in Snohomish County to gain knowledge of and maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs through outreach and social media in their respective communities; and*

***WHEREAS**, this year marks the 66th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association and this year’s theme is “Rooted in Service, Powered by Community” and Snohomish County Public Works’ staff continue to excel at the commitment of meeting the needs of county residents and visitors, consistently demonstrating the highest sense of purpose to advance quality of life for all in Snohomish County; and*

***WHEREAS**, Snohomish County Public Works continues to be recognized both locally and nationally for their public works staff, projects and contributions; and*

***WHEREAS**, the tenth annual Public Works Employee Excellence Awards program will coincide with National Public Works Week, and staff members who consistently demonstrate the highest professional standards will be recognized for their contributions to public service;*

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Snohomish County Council does hereby proclaim May 17-23, 2026, as National Public Works Week in Snohomish County and encourages all who live, work, and play in Snohomish County to recognize the substantial contributions public works make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.*

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Megan Dunn
Council Chair

Sam Low
Council Vice-Chair

Nate Nehring
Councilmember

Jared Mead
Councilmember

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Councilmember

ATTEST: _____
Elena Lao, CMC
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