



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 26-005

**A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ARCHBISHOP MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL
ON WINNING THE 2025 WASHINGTON STATE 2A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

WHEREAS, Archbishop Murphy High School proudly represents the community through its commitment to academic excellence, athletic achievement, and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, the Archbishop Murphy High School Wildcats football team defeated Tumwater High School by a score of 35–20 to win the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) 2A State Football Championship at Husky Stadium in Seattle on Saturday, December 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this championship marks the fourth state football title in Archbishop Murphy High School history since the football program began in 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Wildcats completed the 2025 season with a perfect 13–0 record, demonstrating exceptional dedication, discipline, teamwork, and competitive excellence; and

WHEREAS, team captains Henry Gabalis, Tayden Olson, Jordan Rife, and Jack Sievers provided outstanding leadership both on and off the field throughout the season; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Joe Cronin assumed leadership of the program following an 0–8 season four years ago and, in only his third season as head coach, guided the team to a state championship, exemplifying perseverance, vision, and effective mentorship; and

WHEREAS, Jack Sievers was named the Everett Herald All-Area Player of the Year for his outstanding performance as a defensive end; and

WHEREAS, First Team All-League honors were awarded to Hakeim Smalls, William Wilson, Jack Sievers, and Kyler Phillips, while Second Team All-League honors were earned by Isaiah Smith and Cole Sievers; and

WHEREAS, Evan Ruiz was recognized with the Sportsmanship Award during the state championship game, reflecting the team's commitment to respect, integrity, and fair play; and

WHEREAS, the Wildcats earned the titles of 2025 Northwest Conference 2A League Champions and 2025 Washington State 2A Football Champions; and

WHEREAS, Archbishop Murphy High School was named the Best Football Program in the State across all classifications by MaxPreps.com, highlighting the program's excellence on a statewide level;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council hereby congratulates Archbishop Murphy High School, its student-athletes, coaches, staff, families, and supporters on their outstanding accomplishments during the 2025 football season; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council recognizes the Archbishop Murphy High School Wildcats football team as a source of pride for Snohomish County and commends them for representing their school and community with excellence, sportsmanship, and determination.

APPROVED this 21st day of January 2026.

Megan Dunn
Council Chair

Sam Low
Council Vice-Chair

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Councilmember

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Councilmember

ATTEST:

Elena Lao, CMC
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