

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 24-036

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING UTSAV USA FOR THEIR **CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO SNOHOMISH COUNTY** AND RECOGNIZING AUGUST 17, 2024, AS UTSAV MELA DAY IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

WHEREAS, Snohomish County is home to people of numerous cultures and national origins and draws strength from the diversity of its residents; and

WHEREAS, UTSAV USA's mission is to make a difference by promoting the "Gift of Giving"; and

WHEREAS, UTSAV USA partners with local charities to bring awareness to South Asian culture and to build a bridge between South Asian and mainstream communities; and

WHEREAS. UTSAV Mela is a celebration to connect South Asians with local communities to make a difference; and

WHEREAS, Uthsava or Utsava or Utsav is derived from the Sanskrit word, Utsava, generally meaning a festival or celebration or any joyous occasion. It also carries the meaning of delight, merriment and pleasure; and

WHEREAS, the annual India Mela is taking place this year at Marymoor Park in Redmond on Saturday, August 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 celebration of unity in diversity will be marked with speeches, colorful performances, and a resource fair with visitors and participants coming from all over Washington and beyond;

Nate Nehring

Megan Dunn

Councilmember

Council Vice-Chair

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council wishes to recognize and honor UTSAV for its contributions to Snohomish County.

APPROVED this 14th day of August 2024.

Council Chair

SamLow Councilmember

Strom Peterson Councilmember

ATTEST: Maleunlas

Elena Lao, CMC

Deputy Clerk of the Council