



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 22-003

**RECOGNIZING SNOHOMISH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS FOR HEROIC EFFORTS
DURING DECEMBER 2021 ADVERSE WEATHER EVENTS**

WHEREAS, in December 2021 and into January of 2022, a winter storm hit Snohomish County bringing extreme cold temperatures, high winds, snow and ice. These conditions resulted in near continuous Public Works Department, Fleet Management, and Airport snow-fight, and Human Services homeless sheltering for nearly two weeks due to the hazardous and life-threatening conditions across the county; and

WHEREAS, in their heroic efforts to help protect the community, Road Maintenance Division crews operated snowplows, graders, salting and sanding trucks 24 hours per day, with four shifts (noon to midnight, midnight to noon, six o'clock am to six o'clock pm and six o'clock pm to six o'clock am) during the adverse weather events, clearing roadways and applying salt, sand, and de-icing agents as necessary to keep roads passable for emergency service vehicles and the public. Road Maintenance Division crews plowed over 85,720 road miles, and sanded/salted over 31,477 miles of roadway, including application of 7,919 tons of sand/salt mix, 644 tons of blue salt/sand and 1,818 tons of sand; and

WHEREAS, Fleet Services Division diligently responded to the continuous need for maintenance, fuel, inspections, and repairs to equipment throughout this emergency. All 38 plow trucks, and 2-4 graders (intermittent use) were deployed throughout the winter weather event. In addition, Fleet Services Division provided tire chains, replacement chains, and chain repairs for Road Maintenance Division and Sheriff's Department vehicles. Rubber plow blades were changed by crews as well as plow blade adjustments made while working around the clock, including vehicle safety inspections; and

WHEREAS, Airport Division crews worked diligently 24 hours per day, with 12 hours shifts during the adverse weather events, clearing runways and roadways, applying salt, sand, and de-icing agents as necessary to keep the airport open and operational, and flights arriving and departing. Crews stayed onsite and responded to the continuous need for maintenance, runway inspections, and repairs to equipment throughout this emergency; and

WHEREAS, an extensive network of volunteers, community agencies and the Department of Human Services staff worked to provide additional emergency overnight housing assistance and resources for over 130 people per night during periods of extreme cold, thereby preventing potential loss of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Snohomish County Council hereby recognize and appreciate the heroic efforts of Snohomish County Departments for their extraordinary success during this adverse weather event.

APPROVED this 12th day of January, 2022.

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Council Chair

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ATTEST:

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