



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Snohomish County, Washington**

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-039**

**RECOGNIZING JUNE 2022 AS ORCA ACTION MONTH  
IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Southern Resident orcas were listed as endangered in November 2005 under the Endangered Species Act; and

**WHEREAS**, major factors in the decline of the Southern Resident orca population include captures for marine parks in the 1960s and 70s, declining salmon runs, toxic pollution, loss of habitat, and increasing vessel traffic and noise levels in the Puget Sound and the Ocean; and

**WHEREAS**, during the month of June, the Orca Network, the Orca Salmon Alliance and other organizations working on these issues will join together in a month-long focused effort to educate the public and take action to improve conditions for the survival of Southern Resident orcas; and

**WHEREAS**, bringing attention to the orcas will also bring attention to the need to clean up Puget Sound, and restore and conserve important Puget Sound habitats and Chinook salmon spawning grounds; and

**WHEREAS**, we are blessed to have this “urban” community of orcas in our midst, know them as individuals and pods, and watch them from our ferries, boats, and many miles of shoreline; and

**WHEREAS**, we have only begun to learn about the intelligence and social capabilities of orcas; and

**WHEREAS**, Snohomish County supports efforts to recover this endangered population of Southern Resident orcas;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Snohomish County Council does hereby recognize June 2022 as Orca Action Month in Snohomish County and encourage all people to focus attention on the plight of the fragile Southern Resident community of orcas, honor their presence in our waters, and speed up efforts to recover the population.

**APPROVED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2022.**

**Megan Dunn**  
Council Chair

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ATTEST:

**Debbie Eco, CMC**  
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