

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 24-026

HONORING THE EMPLOYEES OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND DESIGNATING MAY 5-11, 2024, AS NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK AND MAY 12-18, 2024, AS NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WEEK IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

WHEREAS, National Correctional Officers Week was established on May 5, 1984, by President Ronald Reagan when he signed Proclamation 5187 to recognize the men and women who work in jails, prisons, and community corrections across the nation; and

WHEREAS, duties of correctional officers have become more challenging and multifaceted to include custodial, supervisory, counseling, rehabilitating, and teaching roles; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, National Law Enforcement Officers Week honors and recognizes officers in the U.S. who have been killed. In 2023, the number of fallen officers was 136; and

WHEREAS, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial pays tribute to fallen peace officers by recording and commemorating their service and sacrifice since the first known line-of-duty death in 1786. The names of over 23,700 U.S. law enforcement officers are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial; and

WHEREAS, nationally there are approximately 351,400 Corrections Officers and 800,000 Law Enforcement Officers and families who serve to protect us daily; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we express our gratitude for the dedicated service and courageous deeds of the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office and our entire law enforcement community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council does hereby recognize May 5-11, 2024, as National Correctional Officers and Employees Week and May 12-18, 2024, as National Law Enforcement Officers Week. The Snohomish County Council encourages all residents to join in honoring our correctional officers, employees and law enforcement officers in our community and remembering those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

APPROVED this 1st day of May, 2024.

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