

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 23-032

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING UTSAV USA FOR THEIR CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO SNOHOMISH COUNTY AND RECOGNIZING AUGUST 19, 2023, 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 Utsava 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, Snohomish County was honored to support the annual India Mela, which took place at the Snohomish County Campus on Saturday, August 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 celebration of unity in diversity was marked with speeches, colorful performances, and a resource fair with visitors and participants coming from all over Washington and beyond;

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

APPROVED this 23rd day of August, 2023.

Jared Mead Council Chair

Megan Dunn Councilmember Councilmember

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Deputy Clerk of the Council