



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-054**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE SERVICE OF SHAWN YANITY**

**WHEREAS**, for over twenty years, Shawn Yanity has been an active Stillaguamish Tribal Board Member and a force for good in Snohomish County; and

**WHEREAS**, Shawn has held multiple positions within the Stillaguamish Tribal Government including Vice-Chairman from 1998-2004, Chairman from 2004-2009, Board Member from 2009-2010, and Chairman again from 2010-2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Shawn retired from his official duties in 2021 after many years of service to the Stillaguamish Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his positions within tribal government, Shawn has been a dedicated advocate for preserving the culture and fishing and hunting traditions of the Stillaguamish people; and

**WHEREAS**, Shawn serves as a ceremonial hunter and fisher for the tribes and, through that knowledge and experience, has negotiated between state and tribal fisheries, preserving fishing rights for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Shawn was instrumental in building the South Fork Hatchery Program which originally started in 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hatchery Program provides instrumental education opportunities for the Arlington, Lakewood, and Stanwood-Camano school districts for students to learn about the life cycle of salmon and their importance to the region; and

**WHEREAS**, Shawn has also held multiple positions on advisory committees including the EPA Local Government Advisory Committee, EPA Small Community Advisory Council, and Snohomish County Sustainable Lands Strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, Shawn has built successful relationships with elected officials at all levels and has worked to improve communication and cultural understanding between the Stillaguamish Tribe and all levels of government; and

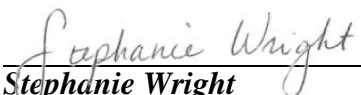
**WHEREAS**, Shawn worked with four Snohomish County Sheriffs over the past 20 years to increase cultural awareness and cross-deputize tribal police and Sheriff's deputies to improve law enforcement services; and

**WHEREAS**, Shawn is well-known for the philanthropic activities of the tribe including their support for the Snohomish County Boys and Girls Clubs, Snohomish County shelter for women, and many local food banks throughout the County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Snohomish County Council extends its heartfelt thanks to Shawn Yanity for his many years of service representing the Stillaguamish Tribe and providing steadfast leadership in our region;

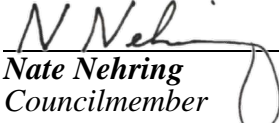
**FURTHERMORE**, the Snohomish County Council wishes Shawn all the best in his retirement and shines a light on his years of service as a model for other public servants.


**APPROVED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

  
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**Stephanie Wright**  
Council Chair

  
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**Megan Dunn**  
Council Vice-Chair

  
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**Sam Low**  
Councilmember

  
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