



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 25-022

**RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS NATIONAL TREATMENT COURT MONTH
IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

***WHEREAS**, Snohomish County has provided over 25 years of therapeutic court interventions through Superior Court Adult Recovery Court and Family Recovery Court; and District Court through the Mental Health Court;*

***WHEREAS**, therapeutic courts improve both public health and public safety, using evidence-based practices to support individuals and families affected by substance use and other behavioral health conditions in making long-term changes that create safer, healthier communities and benefit us all;*

***WHEREAS**, the Department of Social and Health Services found that cost savings due to crime reductions created a \$4 return on every tax dollar invested in a Washington State drug court, and analyses of mental health courts and family treatment courts in Washington State have shown savings from reduced recidivism, lower rates of hospitalization, fewer emergency department visits, less involvement in the child welfare system, and fewer children born drug affected;*

***WHEREAS**, therapeutic courts have an upstream impact, helping to interrupt what is often a generational cycle of substance use and legal involvement and to prevent adverse childhood experiences associated with parental substance use, incarceration, and foster care;*

***WHEREAS**, therapeutic courts provide the treatment, case management, peer support, judicial oversight, comprehensive resources, structure, expectations, and accountability that addresses root causes of criminal behavior, child abuse and neglect and supports long-term recovery;*

***WHEREAS**, therapeutic court participants and alumni create positive ripple effects in their communities, inspiring hope and giving back as productive employees, present parents, good neighbors, dedicated mentors, and effective role models for others in recovery;*

***WHEREAS**, the lives of thousands of therapeutic court participants living in Snohomish County, along with their families and children, are transformed each year through their participation in a therapeutic court process that provides the support and structure they need to overcome addiction and mental health conditions.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Snohomish County Council does hereby proclaim May 2025 as National Therapeutic Court Month in Snohomish County.*

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Nate Nehring
Council Chair

Megan Dunn
Council Vice-Chair

Sam Low
Councilmember

Jared Mead
Councilmember

Strom Peterson
Councilmember

***ATTEST:** _____*
Elena Lao, CMC
Deputy Clerk of the Council