



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-046**

**RECOGNIZING DECEMBER 21, 2023, AS  
NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY  
IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

*WHEREAS, since 2011, Snohomish County has participated in National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day which serves to raise awareness of our neighbors without shelter in our community and to remember and honor those who have died while homeless during the year; and*

*WHEREAS, the vigil is held on December 21<sup>st</sup>, the longest night of the year, and is sponsored by the Snohomish County Veterans Homelessness Committee; and*

*WHEREAS, during Snohomish County's 2023 Annual Point in Time (PIT) Count, 1,285 persons did not have a permanent place to stay; representing an increase of 101 people or 8.5% from 2022; and*

*WHEREAS, of the individuals who were counted, 51 people were unsheltered veterans, 69 were unaccompanied youth and young adults, 573 were adults with a serious mental illness, and 129 were adult survivors of domestic violence; and*

*WHEREAS, 52 people in Snohomish County passed away while experiencing homelessness in 2020, rising to 64 people in 2021, and 86 people in 2022; and*

*WHEREAS, on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:15 p.m. at the Snohomish County Outdoor Amphitheater, the Snohomish County Veterans Homelessness Committee is hosting the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual National Homeless Memorial Day Candlelight Vigil, with a special Veterans' salute; and*

*WHEREAS, Snohomish County is committed to helping all people meet their basic needs and develop their potential through providing social and human services to those in need;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Snohomish County Council does hereby recognize December 21, 2023, as National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day in Snohomish County. All residents and visitors are welcome to join Snohomish County in honoring our neighbors who have lost their lives while homeless in our community.*

**APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.**

**Jared Mead**  
Council Chair

**Nate Nehring**  
Council Vice-Chair

**Sam Low**  
Councilmember

**Megan Dunn**  
Councilmember

**Strom Peterson**  
Councilmember

ATTEST:

**Elena Lao, CMC**  
Deputy Clerk of the Council