

## SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

## RESOLUTION NO. 22-043

## A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING UTSAV USA FOR THEIR CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO SNOHOMISH COUNTY AND DECLARING AUGUST 19, 2022, 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 Utsav 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 is honored to support the annual India Mela, which is taking place in Downtown Bothell on Friday, August 19, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 celebration will have a variety of cultural shows, activities for kids, and mouth-watering food all of which will be available for everyone to enjoy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council wishes to recognize and honor the UTSAV for its contributions to Snohomish County, declares August 19, 2022, UTSAV Mela Day in Snohomish County, and encourages everyone to participate in the annual UTSAV MELA in Downtown Bothell on August 19, 2022.

APPROVED this 17th day of August, 2022.

Megan Dunn Council Chair

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> ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Debbie Eco, CMC Clerk of the Council