



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 22-026

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES MAY 2022 AS
DRUG COURT MONTH**

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Superior Court provides therapeutic court intervention through the Adult Recovery Court and Family Recovery Court; and District Court through the Mental Health Court; and

WHEREAS, the lives of hundreds of drug court and other 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; and

WHEREAS, therapeutic courts offer effective solutions to crime, child welfare, trauma, and community safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, annual Department of Social and Health Services' analyses show that Washington's evidence-based drug courts significantly reduce recidivism and increase employment among program participants; and

WHEREAS, therapeutic courts promote equity by providing an off-ramp from incarceration and loss of parental rights for individuals involved in the criminal and child welfare legal systems, thereby lessening the impact of systemic racism that has caused people of color to be disproportionately represented within these systems; and

WHEREAS, therapeutic courts provide treatment, medications, case management, peer support, comprehensive resources, expectations, and accountability that support long-term recovery and address the root causes of criminal behavior and child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, therapeutic courts intervene to reduce overdose deaths, decrease homelessness, reunite families, improve parenting skills, and create safer, healthier communities that benefit us all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council does hereby recognize May 2022 as Drug Court Month in Snohomish County and celebrates the success of our therapeutic court participants and the dedication and devotion of all staff members involved.

APPROVED this 2nd day of May, 2022.

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