



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 24-041

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING
THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JIM BLOSS**

WHEREAS, August 15, 2024, Snohomish County lost a valuable member of the community with the passing of Jim Bloss; and

WHEREAS, Jim and his wife Lynn met in 1967 while they were both serving in the Air Force stationed in South Carolina, he a transportation officer and she an education officer; and

WHEREAS, Jim and Lynn raised three children while serving in the Air Force, moving around the world, eventually settling for good in Monroe, where Lynn grew up. Jim soon became a permanent fixture on local community boards, planning committees and numerous volunteer organizations; and

WHEREAS, Jim has worked tirelessly in his local community being involved in such activities including: Monroe's Memorial Day flag service, Adopt-a-Highway, Sky Valley Senior Task Force, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Sky Valley Homeless Task Force, Kiwanis, Catholic Community Services and the Sky Valley Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, Jim was instrumental in the creation of the Special Offender Unit National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family & Friends Support group a reality, serving as president of the Sno-Isle NAMI chapter for 15 years, continuing to volunteer years after stepping down from the president role; and

WHEREAS, within the past 10 years, Jim became increasingly concerned with climate change, joining such organizations as the Citizens Climate Lobby and the Snohomish County chapter of the League of Women Voters, being a frequent contributor to The Everett Herald's letters to the editor column and the Herald Forum, ending his last piece, published Saturday August 24, 2024 with, "All I know is that I know I know nothing; which means, of course, that the more one learns, the more one needs to learn more"; and

WHEREAS, Jim empowered others to remain positive while working for change, he was a thoughtful steward and a tireless force for good;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council recognizes and honors the legacy of Jim Bloss to our community.

APPROVED this 4th day of September, 2024.

Jared Mead
Council Chair

Nate Nehring
Council Vice-Chair

Sam Low
Councilmember

Megan Dunn
Councilmember

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