

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE Snohomish County, Washington

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21-010

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE RECOGNIZING APRIL 18-24, 2021, AS NATIONAL HEALTHCARE VOLUNTEER WEEK

WHEREAS, the U.S. hospice movement was founded by dedicated volunteers and the commitment to volunteering among our nation's hospices continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, every year more than 1.5 million people in the U.S. coping with a serious, lifelimiting illness receive care from our nation's hospice providers; and

WHEREAS, more than 430,000 trained volunteers contribute 19 million hours of service to hospice programs annually in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, 56 active volunteers of Hospice of the Northwest provided more than 3,506 hours of service in the past year right here in our community; and

WHEREAS, hospice care volunteers are dedicated to helping diverse communities access quality end-of-life care and are committed to removing barriers to accessing care; and

WHEREAS, volunteers bring patients and family caregivers support by collaborating with the highest quality care delivered by an interdisciplinary team of skilled professionals that includes physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, spiritual care providers and others who make the wishes of each patient and family a priority; and

WHEREAS, volunteers encourage all people to learn more about options of care and to share their wishes with family, loved ones, and their healthcare professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council and the Snohomish County Executive do hereby jointly recognize the week of April 18-24, 2021, as National Healthcare Volunteer Week and encourage residents to increase their understanding and awareness of healthcare and the important role that volunteers play and to observe this week with appropriate activities and programs.

APPROVED this 14th day of April, 2021.

Stephanie Wright
Council Chair

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ATTEST: //// _____ Debbie Eco, CMC

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