

## SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

## RESOLUTION NO. 22-033

## RECOGNIZING MAY 15-21, 2022, AS PUBLIC WORKS WEEK IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and comfort of our residents greatly depends on the efficient operation of public works systems such as water, sewers, streets and highways, public buildings, and snow removal; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Public Works staff manages more than 1,600 miles of roads, 200 bridges and more than 200 traffic signals in Snohomish County, serving a county population of 827,957 (2020 Census) that continues to grow each year. In 2021, staff used 796 tons of asphalt to repair potholes, cleaned and swept 3,271 miles of roads, inspected 131 bridges, constructed several large transportation improvement projects, constructed 1.74 miles of sidewalk, processed 560,464 tons of garbage, and served 905,422 customers at solid waste transfer stations and drop box sites; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Public Works staff continued to respond quickly and efficiently to the changing conditions of the pandemic, including implementation of COVID health and safety plans while continuing to provide high level of services to the community, and also supported the Department of Emergency Management pandemic response with setting up mass vaccination sites; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County seeks to ensure that revitalization and economic development are carried out in a manner to benefit all residents of the County; and

**WHEREAS,** 2022 marks the 62<sup>nd</sup> annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 2022 National Public Works Week is "Ready and Resilient" and public works staff continue to prove they are prepared to handle unforeseen issues the County may face with perseverance and determination, not only in the day-to-day operations, but by going above and beyond in uncertain times of need and crisis to accomplish goals once thought unattainable; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest for the residents, businesses, and civic leaders in Snohomish County to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Snohomish County Council hereby recognizes May 15-21, 2022, as National Public Works Week in Snohomish County and encourage Snohomish County residents and businesses to recognize the substantial contributions Public Works officials make every day to our health, safety and comfort.

APPROVED this 11th day of May, 2022.

Megan Dunn Council Chair	<u>Jared Wead</u> Jared Mead Council Vice-Chair
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