



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Snohomish County, Washington**

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22-071

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE
RECOGNIZING ADAM CORNELL'S SERVICE TO SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Adam Cornell has served as Snohomish County's Prosecuting Attorney from January 2019 through December 2022; and

WHEREAS, an effective Prosecuting Attorney is one who is unfailingly ethical and fair-minded; one who tempers zeal with human kindness, who always and only seeks truth, who diligently serves the law, and who approaches his task with humility — all characteristics Adam has demonstrated throughout his time in office; and

WHEREAS, Adam has had lifelong commitment advocating for children, youth, and families, and to making a difference in the lives of others, having, among many other social service posts, served as Peace Corps volunteer in Guyana where he established a program at a Guyanese prison aimed at reducing recidivism among youth offenders and people recovering from substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS, before taking office, Adam was the Law Clerk to Judge Ellen Fair in 2001, and then served 16 years as a Deputy Prosecutor, five of which were spent working as a Special United States Attorney and three of which were spent supervising the District Court Unit; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Prosecuting Attorney, Adam has been a partner in responsibly progressive criminal justice reforms by expanding alternative programs aimed at helping people suffering mental illness and addiction crises to receive treatment instead of costly incarceration, including bringing the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program to Snohomish County, which partners local police agencies with social and health service providers, and creating a Crossroads Prosecution Unit to manage cases for those willing to seek help with substance abuse and other problems; and

WHEREAS, in breaking new ground, Adam has partnered with Microsoft to find a more comprehensive way to collect data across Snohomish County's criminal justice system to help shed light on disparities, particularly for people of color, in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, Adam has faithfully demonstrated a dedicated commitment to pursue justice fairly, innovatively, and ethically, to create safe and livable communities for everyone while earning the respect of those he humbly served; and

WHEREAS, Adam is looking forward to spending time with his wife Whitney, running, and watching birds as he contemplates his next difference-making adventure; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council and the Snohomish County Executive do hereby jointly acknowledge and appreciate Adam Cornell's hard work and dedication to the people of Snohomish County and wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

APPROVED this 14th day of December, 2022.

Megan Dunn
Council Chair

Dave Somers
County Executive

Jared Mead
Council Vice-Chair

Sam Low
Councilmember

Nate Nehring
Councilmember

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Councilmember

ATTEST:

Elena Lao, CMC
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