

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 22-016

RECOGNIZING APRIL 17-23, 2022, AS VOLUNTEER WEEK IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to recognize the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world; and

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 and has grown exponentially each year, with thousands of volunteer projects and special events scheduled throughout the week; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism has been so impactful in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Snohomish County including administering vaccines and vaccination sites, testing and test sites, contact tracing, providing food, water, and other necessities to those at heightened risk so they can remain safely at home; and

WHEREAS, healthcare and hospice volunteers are critical in our community, contributing in creative ways to support health care workers, patients, and families during this time of global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, we are grateful for the volunteers who work to make our County more beautiful by cleaning up beaches, planting trees, adopting trails, and engaging in park maintenance; and

WHEREAS, our volunteers make a difference by devoting countless hours to mentoring children, serving the elderly and those with disabilities, providing food and shelter, sustaining our arts, working in animal welfare, remembering our history and preserving our cultural institutions; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of volunteering include becoming a steward of public lands, learning new skills through specialized training, meeting new and exciting people, contributing to your community, receiving exercise in an outdoor setting, and experiencing a sense of satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, there are many ways to become involved as a volunteer in Snohomish County either individually or as a group. You can find some of these ways on the County's website https://wa-snohomishcounty2.civicplus.com/970/Volunteer-Programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council recognizes and thanks all of those who lend their time, talent, and support to causes they care about and encourage all residents to engage in the positive impact of volunteerism.

APPROVED this 13th day of April, 2022.

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