

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 24-021

RECOGNIZING MAY 6-12, 2024, AS NATIONAL NURSES WEEK IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

WHEREAS, National Nurses Week begins each year on May 6th and ends on the 12th, which is Florence Nightingale's birthday; and

WHEREAS, the 8th of May is designated as National Student Nurses Day. National School Nurse Day is celebrated annually on the Wednesday within National Nurses Week to celebrate students who are studying to enter this noble profession; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the American Nurses Association extended National Nurses Week to a month-long celebration in May with weekly themes including: "Self-Care, Recognition, Professional Development and Community Engagement;" and

WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association announced that the 2024 theme is "Nurses Make the Difference," which honors the incredible nurses who embody the spirit of compassion and care in every health care setting; and

WHEREAS, Washington State has over 90,000 practicing registered nurses; and

WHEREAS, nurses are the heart of healthcare, having a critical responsibility to uphold the highest level of quality and standards in their practice, including fostering a safe work environment; and

WHEREAS, nursing is a physically demanding job. Many nurses cycle through 12-hour shifts on their feet, forgoing holidays with their families and working through nights and weekends;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council does hereby recognize May 6-12, 2024, as National Nurses Week in Snohomish County. The County Council encourages Snohomish County residents to recognize and show appreciation to nurses for the valuable contributions they continue to make to our community.

APPROVED this 30th day of April, 2024.

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