



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

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23-008

**RECOGNIZING ARIF GHOUSE AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AS
SNOHOMISH COUNTY'S AIRPORT DIRECTOR**

WHEREAS, Arif Ghouse has served as the Snohomish County's Airport Director from 2014 to 2023; and

WHEREAS, under Arif's leadership, the Airport has modernized its airport systems to provide the support necessary to position Paine Field for the future of aviation; and

WHEREAS, since Arif started as Airport Director, he has advocated for strengthening the safety and security measures to protect our tenants, users, the traveling public, and employees; and

WHEREAS, Arif has encouraged increased community engagement by the airport and engagement with our local youth in the opportunities that aviation and aerospace presents for their future; and

WHEREAS, as a well-known and respected member of the aviation management community, Arif has utilized his knowledge to provide thoughtful contributions to improve the profession; and

WHEREAS, Arif has supported diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives and encouraged his employees in advancing their education and skills; and

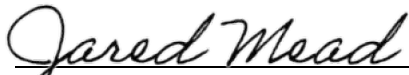
WHEREAS, Arif has guided the work to update the Airport Master Plan, last updated in 2003, to position the airport for the technological advancements in aviation; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Paine Field has seen its economic impact grow to the County's primary economic driver, with \$60 billion in yearly economic output and supporting nearly 160,000 direct and indirect jobs; and

WHEREAS, Arif led the Airport team in the planning, development, and highly successful launch of commercial service that has seen over two million passengers travel through the passenger terminal in the first three years of operations;

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

APPROVED this 28th day of March, 2023.



Jared Mead
Council Chair




Dave Somers
County Executive



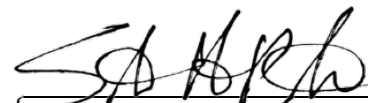
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