

## SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

## RESOLUTION NO. 22-063

## RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 19, 2022, AS NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

WHEREAS, connecting children in foster care to permanent, safe, and loving families through adoption is a priority for Snohomish County government; and

**WHEREAS**, since the year 2000, over 2,000 children have been adopted statewide during Adoption Day events; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,000 children and youth in Washington are legally available and waiting for a family to call theirs forever; and

WHEREAS, every day, loving and nurturing families are strengthened and expanded when committed and dedicated individuals make an important difference in the life of a child through adoption; and

WHEREAS, National Adoption Day is celebrated annually on the Saturday before Thanksgiving to raise awareness of more than 100,000 foster children across the United States who are waiting for "forever families"; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Superior Court will host their Annual Adoption Day Celebration on Friday, November 18 with open individual adoptions to the public starting at 9:00 a.m. in various courtrooms and will also hold a public reception in the Jury Assembly Room from 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. with speakers, snacks and beverages; and

WHEREAS, this effort, along with similar efforts around the country, will offer children a chance to live with stable and loving families and encourage other adults to consider making a powerful difference in the life of a child through adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council recognizes November 19, 2022, as Annual National Adoption Day in Snohomish County.

All residents and visitors are welcome to join Snohomish County government in the effort to raise awareness for the thousands of children waiting to find forever families.

APPROVED this 8th day of November, 2022.

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