## SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

## AMENDED MOTION NO. 23-231

## MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY DISTRICT COURT TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE CASCADE ELECTORAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Adopted 2023 Budget, approved by Ordinance 22-059, included an appropriation of six months of funding for a District Court Judge in the Snohomish County District Court, Cascade Electoral District; and

WHEREAS, the Governor signed Senate Bill 5003 on March 30, 2023, amending RCW 3.34.010, adding a District Court Judge to Snohomish County's allowed number; and

WHEREAS, the effective date of Senate Bill 5003 is July 23, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Council passed Ordinance 23-028 on April 26, 2023, amending Snohomish County Code 2.12.070 adding a District Court Judge to Cascade Court; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 3.34.100, it is the responsibility of the Snohomish County Council to fill the vacancy on the Snohomish County District Court bench; and

WHEREAS, the County Council solicited applications from qualified candidates and received applications from two individuals meeting the statutory qualifications for the position; and

WHEREAS, the County Council conducted interviews with two applicants on Wednesday, June 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the County Council finds that the successful candidate meets the qualifications set out in RCW 3.34.060 and SCC 2.12.015 and should be appointed as provided below;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council hereby appoints Rachelle Francis, effective July 24, 2023, to fill the existing vacancy in the Snohomish County District Court, Cascade Electoral District, until the next general election and until a successor is elected and qualified, pursuant to RCW 3.34.100.

DATED this 14th day of June, 2023

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

ATTEST:

<u>Jared Mead</u> Chairperson

Clerk of the Council