

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

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21-016

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE EMPLOYEES OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND DESIGNATING MAY 2-8, 2021, NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK AND MAY 9-15, 2021, NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WEEK IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

WHEREAS, from the beginning of this Nation, law enforcement professionals have played an important role in safeguarding the rights, freedoms and property of American citizens; and

WHEREAS, National Correctional Officers Week was first proclaimed on May 5, 1984, by President Ronald Reagan when he signed Proclamation 5187 to recognize the men and women who work in jails, prisons and community corrections across the country; and

WHEREAS, duties of correctional officers have become increasingly complex and demanding to include custodial, supervisory, counseling, rehabilitating and teaching roles; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a Public Law / Proclamation 87-726 designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week; and

WHEREAS, National Law Enforcement Officers Week will honor and recognize officers in the U.S. who have been killed, in 2020 the number of fallen officers was 295, in the past 10 years, an average of one death every 54 hours; and

WHEREAS, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial honors fallen peace officers by permanently recording and commemorating their service and sacrifice, since the first known line-of-duty death in 1786, to now, more than 22,000 U.S. law enforcement officers names are carved on the marble walls; and

WHEREAS, nationally there are approximately 450,000 Corrections Officers and 900,000 Law Enforcement Officers and families who serve to protect us daily; and

WHEREAS, it is right and fitting to express our gratitude for the dedicated service and courageous deeds of our law enforcement community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council, Snohomish County Executive, and Snohomish County Sheriff's Office do hereby jointly designate May 2-8, 2021, as National Correctional Officers and Employees Week and May 9-15, 2021, as National Law Enforcement Officers Week and encourage all citizens to join in honoring our correctional officers, employees and law enforcement officers in our community and remembering those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

APPROVED this 5th day of May, 2021.

Stephanie Wright
Council Chair

Dave Somers
County Executive

Sam Low
Council wice-Chair

Nate Nehring
Councilmember

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Debbie Eco, CMC

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Sheriff