

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 21-046

RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 20, 2021 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 1,087 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, in years prior, Snohomish County Superior Court has led the effort to make National Adoption Day a meaningful, local event in our community, this year due to COVID-19, the event will be held over Zoom; 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 20, 2021, 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 15th day of November, 2021.

Megan Dunn Acting Council Chair

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ATTEST: <u>Debbie Eco, CMC</u> Clerk of the Council