



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

JOINT RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-

**A JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2019 AS
DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Public Law 176 was signed in 1945 to designate the first week in October as “National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week”; and

WHEREAS, Congress, in 1988, expanded the week to a month and changed its name to “National Disability Employment Awareness Month”; and

WHEREAS, National Disability Employment Awareness Month celebrates the contributions of workers living with disabilities and educates employers on the value of a workforce that is inclusive of their diverse skills and talents; and

WHEREAS, reflecting a commitment to a robust and competitive American labor force, the 2018 National Disability Employment Awareness Month theme is “America’s Workforce: Empowering All”; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County actively supports the goals of equality, opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency for all people living with disabilities and recognizes the right to be an integral, contributing, productive and valued member of our community; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County partners with the Developmental Disabilities Administration to provide Supported Employment to more than 700 individuals each year in collaboration with employers throughout Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County proudly employs individuals living with disabilities through our Supported Employment Program which provides paid, competitive employment opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities in integrated work settings with appropriate ongoing support from a job coach; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council and the Snohomish County Executive recognize October 2019 as Disability Employment Awareness Month in Snohomish County. All residents, visitors, and employers are encouraged to join Snohomish County in honoring the contributions people living with disabilities make to our community and economy and support individuals living with disabilities in their pursuit for meaningful employment opportunities.

APPROVED this 10th day of October, 2019

/s/ Stephanie Wright
Stephanie Wright
Council Chair

/s/ Dave Somers
Dave Somers
County Executive

/s/ Terry Ryan
Terry Ryan
Council Vice-Chair

/s/ Sam Low
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Councilmember

/s/ Brian Sullivan
Brian Sullivan
Councilmember

/s/ Nate Nehring
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ATTEST: /s/ Elena Lao
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