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## **Snohomish County Council Recognizes Selective Service Week**

On Monday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Snohomish County Council passed resolution 19-026, recognizing May 20-24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as Selective Service Week. The Selective Service System is an independent federal agency responsible for maintaining readiness programs and registration information on virtually all men in the United States should there be a necessity to implement military conscription (commonly known as the draft).

“We are so grateful to each and every member of the military, and their families, for their sacrifice to ensure our freedom,” said County Council Chair Terry Ryan. “Thank you to all our young men who register with the Selective Service.”

“I am extremely proud of our council for passing this resolution and I want to thank National Director Don Benton and WA State Director Jim Sims for being present at our resolution consideration and for speaking to us all about the Selective Service System,” said Councilmember Sam Low. “I brought this forward to raise awareness to the young men in our community that there are several possible missed opportunities that come from failing to register for the selective service.”

Failure to register for the selective service will jeopardize a man’s eligibility for federal student financial aid, state-funded student financial aid in many states, federal employment, some state employment, security clearance for contractors, job training under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and U.S. citizenship for immigrant men.

“The history of the Selective Service System runs deep in our country,” said Council Vice-Chair Nate Nehring. “It is important for young men to know that registration with the Selective Service is required by law since 1917 and men who are 18-25 years old are responsible for registering.”

The Snohomish County Council expresses its support and gratitude for the Selective Service System in Snohomish County and encourages all eligible men in Snohomish County to comply with the registration requirements with the Selective Service System.