

# *SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL*

*RESOLUTION NO. 04-010*

## *Expressing Unanimous Rejection of Racism And Proclaiming “Brotherhood Days” in Snohomish County*

*Whereas, on March 24 an African-American Snohomish County minister and his six children awoke to see a cross burning on their front lawn at 2:00 a.m.; and,*

*Whereas, the City of Arlington has shown exemplary character by quickly condemning the incident, and rallying around the family; and,*

*Whereas, the Snohomish County Council believes that racism and its classification of people by color or ethnicity is in direct conflict with American law, moral values, and religious tradition; and,*

*Whereas, the Council takes particular exception to the specifics of this crime, noting that the historical and spiritual connotations of the burning cross inflame emotions and recollections of a time in this country when the seeds of prejudice produced racist acts, both subtle and explicit; and,*

*Whereas, the Council recognizes that the cross of Christ is widely acknowledged as a symbol of hope, forgiveness, and brotherhood for all peoples and reject the behavior of those who would tarnish that symbol and seek to intimidate a family by such means as cross-burning;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Snohomish County Council that April 4<sup>th</sup> through April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004, the days preceding Easter Sunday, be declared “Brotherhood Days” in Snohomish County, a time when Snohomish County citizens are encouraged to deepen their understanding, acceptance, love and forgiveness of their fellow man and woman regardless of race, creed, or color.*

*APPROVED THIS 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2004.*