Snohomish County Council Observes Workers’ Memorial Day

On Wednesday April 24th, 2019, the Snohomish County Council passed resolution 19-016, recognizing April 28th, 2019 as Workers’ Memorial Day in Snohomish County. Workers’ Memorial Day is a day to remember victims of workplace illnesses, diseases, and traumatic injuries and Council urges employers everywhere to pursue constant improvements in worker safety.

“We must always strive to make our workplaces safer for our employees,” said Council Chari Terry Ryan. “Snohomish County urges employers everywhere to be diligent in improving worker safety.”

“Our Snohomish County employees are the backbone of the work we do,” said Council Vice-Chair Nate Nehring. “Bringing attention to workplace safety and remembering those injured or killed while working is an important annual tradition.”

Each day, an average of 14 workers are killed due to workplace injuries in the United States and tens of thousands of Americans with workplace injuries or illness become permanently disabled. Snohomish County is dedicated to improving workplace safety, health standards, and enforcement.

“This recognition is so important – to remember the sacrifices working people make– but also as an important reminder for us to consistently improve safety in the workplace,” said Councilmember Brian Sullivan.

“We must be vigilant about reducing those dangers experienced by our workforce throughout the county and state,” said Councilmember Stephanie Wright.

The Snohomish County Labor Council will hold its annual Workers Memorial Observance on Wednesday, April 24th from 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm to honor those who died while on the job or from workplace illnesses contracted on the job. The observance will be held at the Workers Memorial located in the Mission Courtyard at the corner of Wetmore and Pacific in Everett.

“Workers’ Memorial Day is a day to remember those lost and those injured in the workplace and to reflect on ways to improve worker safety,” said Sam Low.