



Snohomish County Council

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**Snohomish County to celebrate National
County Government Week**

The Snohomish County Council today proclaimed April 22 – 28 as National County Government Week in Snohomish County. Sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo), National County Government Week was first celebrated in 1991 to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of the nation's counties. The theme for this year's celebration is "Protecting the Environment."

"Snohomish County is proud of the quality and variety of services it provides to the community," said Council Chair Dave Gossett. "National County Government Week is a great opportunity for the public to take a closer look at what we do, how we do it, and the people behind the services we provide."

As part of the week long celebration, the County Council announced an art contest for Snohomish County students in grades K-5. Students will be invited to submit art works that demonstrate the many ways in which the county can work to protect the environment and enhance the health, welfare and safety of citizens. Winners of the contest will be announced in June with the winning art work displayed in county buildings and incorporated into county publications. One winner will be selected from each grade level, and prize packages will include tickets to the Evergreen State Fair.

At the national level, NACo will honor the top county volunteer programs in the country at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. as part of its Acts of Caring Awards Program.