



SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Snohomish County, Washington

PROCLAMATION

**RECOGNIZING FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021 AS WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY
FOR DIALOGUE AND DEVELOPMENT
IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly first declared May 21 as World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development in 2002, following the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's adoption of the 2001 Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity; and

WHEREAS, three-quarters of the world's major conflicts have a cultural dimension; and

WHEREAS, bridging the gap between cultures is urgent and necessary for peace, stability, and development; and

WHEREAS, cultural diversity is a driving force of economic development and more fulfilling intellectual, emotional, moral, and spiritual life; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations states, "The impact of COVID-19 on the cultural sector is being felt around the world. This impact is social, economic and political – it affects the fundamental right of access to culture, to social rights of artists and creative professionals, and the protection of a diversity of cultural expressions."; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to support diversity of cultural expression, Snohomish County encourages all who live, work, and play in Snohomish County to, within the current COVID-19 guidelines, visit an art exhibit or museum dedicated to a culture other than their own; learn about a religion other than their own; plan an international movie night; learn about and play a sport related to another culture; learn about another culture's traditional foods and plan a meal; learn about traditional celebrations and traditions from cultures other than their own; volunteer with an organization working for diversity, equity and inclusion; learn another language; and invite people from different cultures to share your customs; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County and our partners in diversity, equity and inclusion work are committed to ensuring that Snohomish County continues to strive to be a community that is welcoming to all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVE SOMERS, Snohomish County Executive, do hereby proclaim May 21, 2021 as World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development in Snohomish County.

Signed this 21st day of May, 2021.

Dave Somers
Snohomish County Executive