PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING MAY 21, 2022, AS WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY FOR DIALOGUE AND DEVELOPMENT IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

WHEREAS, World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is observed every year on the 21st of May, per United Nations (UN) General Assembly December 2002 Resolution 57/249; and

WHEREAS, the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution on Culture and Sustainable Development in 2015, affirming culture’s contribution to sustainable development, acknowledging the cultural diversity of the world, and recognizing that cultures and civilizations can contribute to sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, the day provides us with an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the values of cultural diversity and to advance the four goals of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), which are: 1) Support sustainable systems of governance for culture; 2) Achieve a balanced flow of cultural goods and services and increase mobility of artists and cultural professionals; 3) Integrate culture in sustainable development frameworks; and 4) Promote human rights and fundamental freedoms; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Human Rights Commission was established in 2010 and serves as an advisory body to the County Executive, County Council, and Washington State Human Rights Commission; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County is striving to be a welcoming and inclusive county where everyone’s human rights are respected, protected, and valued; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Human Rights Commission hosts an annual World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVE SOMERS, Snohomish County Executive, do hereby proclaim May 21, 2022, as World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development in Snohomish County. Furthermore, on behalf of the Snohomish County Human Rights Commission and in recognition of this occurrence, all are invited to attend the virtual event “Ending Domestic Extremism,” on Thursday, May 19, at 6:00 p.m. For more information, visit Human Rights Commission | Snohomish County, WA - Official Website (snohomishcountywa.gov).

SIGNED this 19th day of May 2022.

Dave Somers
County Executive