



SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Snohomish County, Washington

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING CHANUKAH IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

WHEREAS, Chanukah is an eight-day festival of lights that is celebrated by Jewish people in Snohomish County, Israel, and around the world; and

WHEREAS, families will light the menorah, spin the dreidel, eat latkes, and tell of how the Maccabees, guided by faith in their Creator and an indefatigable commitment to their beliefs, prevailed in the face of great adversity; and

WHEREAS, Chanukah reminds us how even the most fragile flame can sustain a tradition and nourish the soul of a people; and

WHEREAS, Chanukah also teaches that a little bit of light, wherever it is found, can dispel the darkness and illuminate a pathway to hope; and

WHEREAS, since October 7, 2023, there has been a sharp increase in hateful antisemitic attacks against Jewish people and institutions, including in the Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, all hate crimes are antithetical to a democratic state, American values, and the Abrahamic faiths; and

WHEREAS, we continue to work to make Snohomish County a welcoming place for people of all faiths, cultures, ethnicities, and countries of origin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVE SOMERS, Snohomish County Executive, do hereby proclaim Chanukah as a cherished celebration in Snohomish County that contributes to our diverse and thriving communities. We join together to keep the light of hope and freedom lit for all, and we work together to cast out the dark shadows of hate, bigotry, and antisemitism in Snohomish County and around the world.

SIGNED this 8th day of December, 2023.

Dave Somers
County Executive