



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE
SNOHOMISH COUNTY SHERIFF
SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH
Snohomish County, Washington**

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17-040

**A JOINT RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY
EXECUTIVE, SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL, SNOHOMISH COUNTY
SHERIFF, AND SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH'S
COMMITMENT TO ENDING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC IN
SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Snohomish County is in the midst of a heroin and opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorder is a condition in which the use of one or more substances leads to clinically significant impairment or distress; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorder impacts individuals, families, and communities of all races, religions, countries or origin, economic statuses, and social classes; and

WHEREAS, from 2012-2016, Snohomish County experienced 14.5% of all opioid-related deaths in Washington State and had the fourth highest rate of deaths per 100,000 population during that period; and

WHEREAS, during a seven-day survey period in July 2017, lead agencies throughout Snohomish County partnered to collect data and during that time, 37 overdoses were reported that appeared to involve opioids and three of the overdoses were fatal; and

WHEREAS, multiple agencies and governments in Snohomish County have partnered to form the Opioid Response Multi-agency Coordination (MAC) Group; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Opioid Response MAC Group are committed to increasing collaboration and creating a multiagency plan to reduce the negative impacts opioids have to life, safety, quality of life, and health on our community; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers has directed the Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management to activate the Snohomish County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and partially activate the Emergency Coordination Center to support this effort;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Snohomish County Executive, Snohomish County Council, Snohomish County Sheriff, and Snohomish Health District Board of Health affirm their commitment to ending the opioid epidemic in Snohomish County through strong partnerships, coordination, and collaboration.

All jurisdictions and governmental agencies in Snohomish County are encouraged to join Snohomish County Government, the Snohomish Health District Board of Health, and the Opioid Response MAC Group in their efforts to reduce the negative impacts of heroin and other opioids are having on life, safety, quality of life, and health on our residents, businesses, and visitors.

APPROVED this 8th day of November, 2017.

Brian Sullivan
Council Chair

Dave Somers
Executive

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Council Vice-Chair

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Councilmember

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Snohomish County Board of Health Chair

ATTEST: _____
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