SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Snohomish County, Washington

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26-050

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL AND SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ELAINE SOMERS

WHEREAS, *Elaine Youch Somers is a longtime environmental professional and Monroe, Washington resident whose career has spanned environmental science, federal regulatory review, transportation planning, and natural-resource conservation; and*

WHEREAS, *as a proud University of Washington graduate, Elaine earned a bachelor's degree in botany and a master's degree in forest resources management, specializing in natural ecosystems, wildlife, and conservation biology; and*

WHEREAS, *Elaine began working for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 1983 and subsequently held positions involving environmental review and transportation policy in EPA's Pacific Northwest Region 10. Her work included reviewing major infrastructure projects under the National Environmental Policy Act, promoting earlier integration of environmental considerations into transportation planning, and collaborating with federal, state, and local agencies; and*

WHEREAS, *Elaine also served as EPA Region 10's beneficial landscaping coordinator, promoting landscaping and land-management practices that protect natural habitats, wildlife, and water resources. Her professional contributions include a published conference paper on environmental review and transportation planning, participation in interagency technical studies, and numerous high-impact presentations; and*

WHEREAS, *Elaine and her husband, Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers, met in 1973 as members of the University of Washington Husky Marching Band (piccolo and tuba, respectively) and married in 1981. Their shared interests have included music, the natural environment, and caring for rescued horses. Elaine's musical talents are an important connection to her community, particularly participation in her church's musical programs. Her love of animals and her work with horse rescues reflects her empathetic and gentle nature;*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Snohomish County Council and the Snohomish County Executive recognize the contributions of Elaine Somers in Snohomish County. We encourage all residents, visitors, and businesses in Snohomish County to join in honoring Elaine Somers' outstanding service to our community.*

APPROVED this 21st day of October 2026.

Kent Patton
Deputy Executive

Megan Dunn
Council Chair

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Council Vice-Chair

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ATTEST: _____
Elena Lao, CMC
Deputy Clerk of the Council