



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Snohomish County, Washington**

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19-006

A JOINT RESOLUTION COMMITTING TO A GOAL OF 100% CLEAN ENERGY BY 2045

WHEREAS, Snohomish County has taken great steps to reduce its carbon emissions, promote clean energy, and reduce energy consumption through equipment retrofits, LED lighting upgrades, the purchase of fuel-efficient and alternative fueled vehicles in the County fleet, and employee education; and

WHEREAS, transitioning to renewable energy and improving energy conservation will have many positive impacts on our residents and environment; and

WHEREAS, these impacts will improve the health of our community, the quality of our water and air, the vitality of our local species, and the sustainability of our economy; and

WHEREAS, clean energy brings many benefits to Snohomish County, including reduced pollution, new clean technology jobs, and retains more of our dollars in the local economy; and

WHEREAS, Washington and Snohomish County have historically been leaders in clean energy and conservation and are committed to setting a positive example for other counties and states to follow; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County can get 100 percent of its energy from clean, renewable sources such as hydro power, solar and wind resources, and taking advantage of innovations in energy efficiency, green fuels for transportation, energy storage, and other technologies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Snohomish County Council and County Executive:

THAT, Snohomish County commits to a goal of 100% clean electricity by 2030 and a goal of 100% clean energy by 2045 for government operations and will move as quickly as possible to achieve that goal; and

THAT, Snohomish County officials and employees will consider all municipal decisions in the light of making Snohomish County energy consumption 100% clean by 2045; and

THAT, Snohomish County will take steps to reduce its consumption of fossil fuels, increase its use of clean and renewable energy, and continue to promote energy conservation efforts; and

THAT, Snohomish County will take new actions to maximize energy conservation, promote clean energy, and minimize greenhouse gas emissions from County government operations including:

- *Develop a new Clean Energy Plan for County government operations through the Office of Energy and Sustainability in conjunction with the County Green Team including one volunteer citizen member;*
- *Establish a new, dedicated energy efficiency fund in the County's annual budget to enable conservation retrofits and upgrades in our government facilities;*
- *Transition County facilities from the consumption of fossil fuels to non-emitting resources;*
- *Adopt a Green Fleet Policy to significantly reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions from government operations and employee commuting – the County's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions;*
- *Adopt a Green Building Policy requiring all new County facilities to be built to LEED gold standards;*
- *Provide consistent training for County officials and employees on the use of life cycle cost assessments and the evaluation of environmental impacts in purchasing and decision-making;*
- *Install solar power at County buildings, ideally with battery storage, whenever feasible*

APPROVED this 20th day of February, 2019.

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Council Chair

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