

## RESOLUTION/PROCLAMATION NO. OS6 -2021

## KITSAP COUNTY VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

WHEREAS, volunteers are a valuable resource in Kitsap County, contributing to the cost effectiveness of government operations and positively impacting the health and well-being of our communities, making the county a better place to live, work and play for all; and

WHEREAS, county volunteers strengthen the democratic process by participating in local government activities, providing input, helping shape policy and working to solve community problems; and

WHEREAS, volunteering gives participants ways to develop and sharpen their skills, meet a diverse range of people, create life-long learning and workforce development opportunities, introduce new interests, provide professional and community networking, and improve their mental and physical health; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Kitsap County residents volunteer their time, skills and expertise to county government by serving in positions such as parks stewards, natural resource docents, citizen advisory group members and on emergency response teams; and

WHEREAS, since 1974, U.S. Presidents have recognized National Volunteer Week with many governors, mayors and other elected officials, to celebrate the impact of volunteer service on our communities and the power of individuals to make a difference in creating vibrant, participatory societies while inspiring others to take action; and

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week in 2021 is celebrated April 18-24 and the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners takes this opportunity to honor and thank the thousands of Kitsap County Government Volunteers for their selfless dedication and valuable contributions of time, expertise and talent, especially in a year that has been so challenging due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims April 18-24 as *Kitsap County Volunteer Appreciation Week*.

Adopted this 12th on of April 2021	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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