



SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Snohomish County, Washington

PROCLAMATION

**RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 22, 2019 AS MUKILTEO HEROES DAY
IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

WHEREAS, American Heart Association data show more than 350,000 EMS-assessed out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur in the United States; and

WHEREAS, about 90 percent of people who suffer out-of-hospital cardiac arrests die. However, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or CPR, especially if performed immediately, can double or triple a cardiac arrest victim's chance of survival; and

WHEREAS, hands-only CPR has been shown to be as effective as conventional CPR for cardiac arrest at home, at work or in public; and

WHEREAS, at the Olympic View Middle School, on September 24, 2019, the community utilized hands-only CPR to save the life of Linda Surface; and

WHEREAS, Linda was attending her grandson Quinn's curriculum night with her daughter Tonya Morris; as she departed, Linda called out to her daughter and collapsed - she was experiencing Cardiac Arrest; and

WHEREAS, Tonya and others around her shouted for help, and immediately four medically trained parents answered their call; and

WHEREAS, Zegeye Kure was the first to start CPR, Kurt Roberts joined him in alternating compressions, Marsha Ferrara, a cardiac nurse, and Kelly Karl, also a nurse, arrived and assisted with lifesaving efforts, and Marsha directed the CPR team and administered the defibrillator (AED) until the fire department arrived; and

WHEREAS, Olympic View Middle School staff acted quickly to retrieve the AED and called for help; and

WHEREAS, other parents worked together at the scene, called 911, helped identify medically trained parents, and surrounded Linda with mobile phone flashlights to provide light while others preformed lifesaving techniques; and

WHEREAS, Mike Yoakum, Mukilteo Fire Captain, and his team took over with compressions and the AED; and

WHEREAS, the Mukilteo community heroically came together to save Linda's life on September 24, 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVE SOMERS, Snohomish County Executive, do hereby proclaim October 22, 2019 as Mukilteo Heroes Day in Snohomish County.

I encourage all Snohomish County residents to honor those who save lives by learning CPR and knowing where the nearest AED is located at your office, home, or school.

SIGNED this 22nd day of October, 2019.

Dave Somers
County Executive