

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALTH
OF
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

PROCLAMATION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF)
HEALTH, WASHINGTON, RECOGNIZING JANUARY) BOH RESOLUTION: HD-01-26
23, 2026, AS MATERNAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY)**

WHEREAS, Island County recognizes that the health and well-being of our children and families are a high priority of our local government, serving as the foundational bedrock of a thriving, resilient community; and

WHEREAS, maternal health represents a critical continuum of care that begins before pregnancy and extends through the postpartum period, impacting the long-term physical and emotional health of both the parent and the child; and

WHEREAS, Island County is committed to investing in the health of our families to support the vitality of our shared future, ensuring every child can reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, our dedicated County staff provide essential support through nursing care for new families, parent and family support, behavioral health outreach, and the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, ensuring no family walks their journey alone; and

WHEREAS, we are fortunate to have a strong network of local providers, including our local hospital and pediatricians, who provide essential medical care to safeguard the health of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the service of early childhood support organizations, school and childhood professionals, and the Help Me Grow Care Directory provides a vital safety net, connecting families with the resources they need to give their children the best possible start in life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Island County Board of Health hereby designates **January 23, 2026**, as **Maternal Health Awareness Day** in Island County.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Board:

1. **Honors** the work of our public health nurses, community health workers, WIC team, human services professionals, and behavioral health specialists who provide the compassionate care necessary for families to thrive.
2. **Recognizes** the critical role of our local medical community, community-based organizations, and hospital district in providing essential care and services.
3. **Encourages** all residents to support local families, acknowledging that it takes a dedicated community to raise healthy children and build a healthy future.

APPROVED this 20th day of January, 2026.

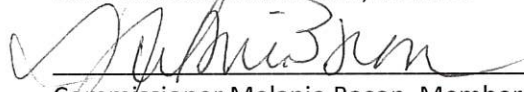
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Commissioner Janet St. Clair, Chair

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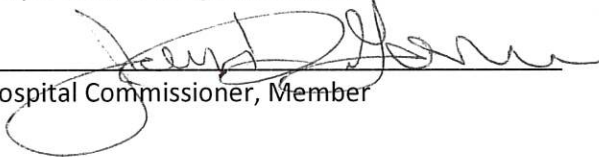
Commissioner Jill Johnson, Member



Commissioner Melanie Bacon, Member

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Mayor Ronnie Wright, Member



Hospital Commissioner, Member

ATTEST:



Dr. Shawn Morris
Public Health Director