

# PROCLAMATION

## Ride Transit Month

WHEREAS, mobility is a human right, and public transit is an essential aspect in meeting this right and keeping Snohomish County's people, communities, and economies moving; and

WHEREAS, the transit system in Snohomish County is vast and varied to meet the diverse needs of the region and includes local and commuter buses, paratransit services, vanpools, innovative services, and more; and

WHEREAS, public transit is a lifeline for many in our county, particularly for people with disabilities, seniors, people with low incomes, and essential workers, as it connects them to jobs, medical care, food, essential goods, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, transit is an economically, healthy, and environmentally sound transportation mode that can be used to access local destinations, workplaces, businesses, and regional landmarks; and

WHEREAS, Community Transit continues to work closely with local jurisdictions, city planners and staff to incorporate local growth patterns into future transit planning; and

WHEREAS, the Washington state legislature passed the transformational Move Ahead Washington transportation package in March 2022, which will make our state's transportation system safer, more convenient, and more accessible for transit riders; and

WHEREAS, all people 18 and under can ride transit for free; and

WHEREAS, regional transit agencies and transportation advocacy organizations are promoting June as Ride Transit Month to encourage alternatives to driving.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Don Vanney, Mayor of Arlington, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2024 as

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in the City of Arlington and encourage residents to observe Ride Transit Month with appropriate events and activities to promote public transportation.



Don E. Vanney, Mayor

June 3, 2024

Date