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Executive Reardon, County Council Declare February 'Have a Heart for Kids Month'

Bringing public awareness to children's issues

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon and the Snohomish County Council have declared February 2006 Have a Heart for Kids Month in Snohomish County.

"The more than 180,000 children and youth in Snohomish County are the foundation of our community's future success," Executive Reardon said. "Our County grows stronger when all citizens become aware of the issues that impact children and their families."

Councilmember Dave Gossett said, "It's vital that we recognize the importance of our children to the future of the county."

The joint resolution is in response to a recommendation from the Snohomish County Children's Commission whose responsibility it is to serve as advisors on issues of health, safety and welfare of children.

"We want to recognize and thank the Snohomish County Children's Commission for their advocacy on behalf of our young people," said Councilmember Dave Somers.

On Tuesday, February 14 the Children's Commission will sponsor, '*Have a Heart for Kids Day Rally*' from noon to 1 p.m. at the Snohomish County Courtyard Plaza, at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., in Everett. The purpose of the rally is to bring public awareness to issues that impact children, youth and families. Displays, brochures and educational material on issues important to children and families will be available.

The Snohomish County Children's Commission is a group of twenty-five persons appointed by the Snohomish County government. As defined by county ordinance, members represent diverse geographic divisions as well as health and human services, law and justice, education, business and labor, children and youth, concerned citizens,

minorities, elected officials, and the Department of Social and Health Services. The Commission meets every month and works to respond to the mandates of the County and the needs of our children and youth. Snohomish County Department of Human Services provides staff support to the Commission.

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