



Snohomish Health District reclamation

WHEREAS, the Medical Reserve Corps is a national network of volunteers who work at the local level to improve health and safety in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Medical Reserve Corps has been assisting with local emergencies since 2002; and

WHEREAS, that work has included volunteering at emergency shelters during cold weather or fires, providing call center and long-term care return-from-evacuation support during winter storms, assisting with the call center and vaccination clinics during outbreaks of pertussis, hepatitis and H1N1, assisting with the response to the 2014 Oso mudslide, and contact tracing in Clark County during a measles outbreak; and

WHEREAS, volunteers also provide non-emergency support such as staffing the lost person booth at the Evergreen State Fair, providing first aid stations at events, doing glucose and cholesterol checks at health fairs, and participating in the Community Health Risk Reduction Project at Everett Housing Authority properties; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Medical Reserve Corps has received national recognition, including the 2021 Elizabeth Fitch Memorial Leadership Award for MRC Coordinator Therese Quinn; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 response has increased the need for volunteers since the first local case in January 2020; and

WHEREAS, nationally, approximately 800 Medical Reserve Corps units with more than 200,000 total volunteers have contributed more than 3 million hours to the COVID-19 response efforts in local communities; and

WHEREAS, since January 2020, 878 volunteers in Snohomish County have given more than 49,000 hours of service, including vaccination and testing sites, data entry, call center assistance, and much more; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers have been essential to these response efforts and continue to be an indispensable part of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Snohomish Health District Board of Health recognizes and honors the Snohomish County Medical Reserve Corps volunteers and encourages all people to extend their gratitude and appreciation for these volunteers' time and dedication to the health and safety of our community.

ADOPTED this 14th day of June 2022:

Stephanie Wright
Board of Health Chair