

1 have been transferred to Snohomish County Health Department, leaving the Snohomish Health
2 District, a special purpose district, effectively inactive.

3 **JURISDICTION**

4 The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to RCW 53.48.020.

5 **VENUE**

6 Venue is proper, as all parties are municipal corporations within Snohomish County,
7 Washington. RCW 53.48.020 directs that petitions for dissolution of a special purpose district
8 be submitted to the superior court in the county that the governing board is situated in.
9 Snohomish County is the county where the Snohomish Health District Board of Health is
10 situated.
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12 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

13 The Snohomish Health District is its own, independent special purpose district
14 organized under RCW Chapter 70.46. <https://www.snohd.org> (last visited Oct. 10, 2023). Until
15 2023, it was made up of 20 member municipalities (the above listed respondents), and
16 Snohomish County. Snohomish County is not listed as a respondent because, effective January
17 1, 2023, Snohomish County exercised its rights under RCW 70.46.090 and withdrew from the
18 Health District, immediately forming a Health Department. The Snohomish County Health
19 Department and the Snohomish Health District each have a Board of Health. *Id.* The Snohomish
20 Health District officially integrated with Snohomish County government effective January 1,
21 2023. *Id.* The new Snohomish County Health Department provides public health services to all
22 residents of Snohomish County. *Id.* Snohomish Health District staff, programs, contracts, and
23 services have moved out of the Snohomish Health District and into the new Snohomish County
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1 Health Department. *Id.* The Snohomish Health District still exists as an effectively inactive
2 special purpose district until dissolution is final. *Id, cf.* RCW 36.96.010

3 The Snohomish Board of Health Chairwoman is Julieta Altamirano-Crosby. *Id.* District
4 Attorney for the Snohomish Health District, Nikki Thompson, drafted a Resolution Authorizing
5 the Filing of a Petition for Dissolution of the District, which was presented to the Board for
6 approval on October 25, 2023. See Resolution 23-06 attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A**. The
7 Resolution was approved by the Board, signed by the Chairwoman and witnessed by the Clerk
8 to the Board, Sarah de Jong. *Id.*

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10 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

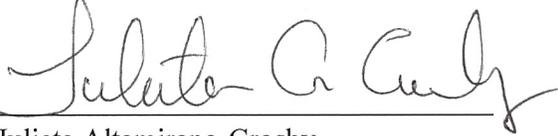
11 Petitioner requests that this Court (1) enter an order setting a hearing date to consider
12 the Petition, and following that hearing, (2) enter an order dissolving the effectively inactive
13 Snohomish Health District.

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15 DATED this 14th day of November, 2023.

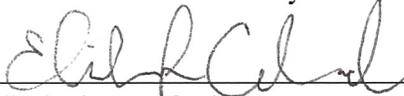
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1 **Snohomish Health District Board of Health Members approving Petition for Dissolution**
2 **at the Snohomish Health District Board of Health Meeting on October 25, 2023**

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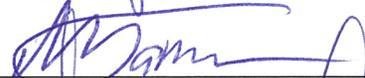
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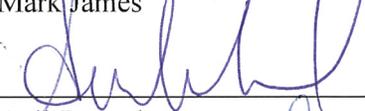
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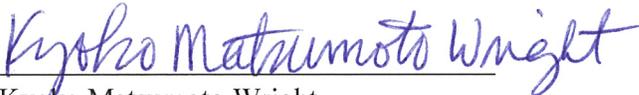
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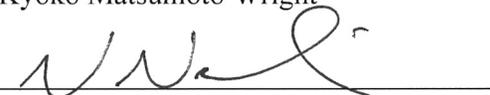
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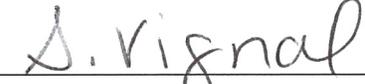
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EXHIBIT A
Resolution 23-06 Authorizing the Filing of a Petition for Dissolution of the District



SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23-06

RESOLUTION SUBJECT: Authorizing the execution and filing of a petition for dissolution of the Snohomish Health District.

WHEREAS, RCW 53.48 provides enabling legislation for dissolution of health districts and the procedures necessary to affect said dissolution.

WHEREAS, RCW 53.48.020 states: For the purpose of dissolution of a district, a petition for an order of dissolution signed by the majority of the board of commissioners, or other governing authority of such district shall be presented to the superior court of the county in which the board of commissioners is situated.

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2023, staff, programs, contracts, and services have moved out of the Snohomish Health District and into the new Snohomish County Health Department.

WHEREAS, the District must now formally dissolve.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

Section 1. The Petition to Dissolve the Snohomish Health District attached as Exhibit A is hereby approved and adopted.

Section 2. The District Attorney is authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Petition to the Superior Court.

Section 3. The District Attorney is authorized and directed to execute any and all legal action necessary to fully dissolve and wind up the business of the Snohomish Health District.

ADOPTED this 25th day of October 2023.


Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, PhD, Chair
Board of Health

ATTEST:


Sarah de Jong, Clerk to the Board