

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining our freedoms and way of life; and

WHEREAS, tens of millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the past century; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Americans have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces during the past century; and

WHEREAS, our state is home to more than 607,000 veterans, 60,000 active duty military, 19,000 National Guard and Reserves, and their families; and

WHEREAS, our veterans are brave and selfless individuals who, when duty called, willingly put themselves in harm's way to defend the lives and liberty of others; and

WHEREAS, their abiding patriotism and enduring devotion to the ideals on which the United States is founded can never fail to inspire us; and

WHEREAS, our veterans understand the important task before those American service men and women now keeping watch; and

WHEREAS, all Washingtonians must strive to ensure that ours remains a land worthy of the great love our veterans have shown for it;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2015 as

Veterans Day

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to acknowledge and honor the contributions of our veterans to the principles of democracy, individual freedom and human rights.



Signed this 22nd day of October, 2015

Governor Jay Inslee