

# 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**, during the past century, tens of millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and hundreds of thousands of Americans have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, our state is home to more than 598,000 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 servicemen 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, 2017, as

### *Veterans Day*

in Washington, and I encourage 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee