

# 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 544,000 veterans, 60,000 Active Duty military, 17,000 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

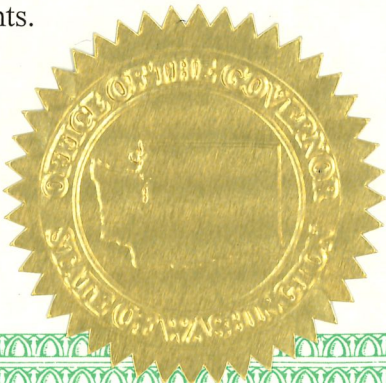
**WHEREAS**, our veterans understand the important task before the American service men and women now keeping watch; and

**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, 2020, 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020

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

Governor Jay Inslee