

WHEREAS, our ancestors shaped the structure of our political system, laid the groundwork for higher discoveries in science and medical research, started long-lasting traditions that enrich our heritage, and fought in wars so that future generations would have freedom; and

WHEREAS, it is important on Memorial Day to cherish the memories of our friends and family members who have died, and to remember their contributions towards making our lives better; and

WHEREAS, the veterans who fought and died for our country helped preserve the freedoms and rights guaranteed to all people under the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day gives us the opportunity to reflect on the past and renew our patriotism so that we may continue to live in freedom and seek peace so that our veterans will not have died in vain:

NOW. THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 29, 2017 as

Memorial Day

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in honoring those who have died for this country.

Signed this 4th day of April, 2017

WHEREAS, Weemor Jay Inslee