

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, President George Washington led our country in its struggle to become free and independent and is the foremost veteran and patriot of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, others have followed the example set by President George Washington and served our country, many giving their lives as the ultimate sacrifice for our nation's freedom and security; and

**WHEREAS**, the great state of Washington is named for President George Washington whose 284th birthday occurs on February 22, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday, February 21, 2016, the Rainier Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, the Puget Sound Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars, the Tacoma Council of the Navy League, the McChord Air Force Base Chapter of the Air Force Association, the Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, and the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce will hold a Massing of the Colors Ceremony at Stadium High School to honor the service and patriotism of President George Washington and our country's other veterans and patriots who have given their lives in wartime service, and to salute young citizens for their patriotic acts and achievements;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim February 21, 2016, as

### *Massing of the Colors Day*

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in honoring President George Washington and others for their patriotic service to our country.



Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016

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

Governor Jay Inslee