

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Wreaths Across America, a non-profit organization, began in 2006 as an extension of the Arlington National Cemetery Wreath Project, which was started in 1992 when wreaths donated by the Worcester Wreath Company were placed on the headstones of our nation's fallen heroes during the holidays; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Wreaths Across America project to "Remember, Honor, and Teach" is carried out in part by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at veterans cemeteries and other locations in all fifty states; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of Wreaths Across America is to have a wreath placed on the grave of every veteran in the United States during the holiday season; and

**WHEREAS**, family members, friends and volunteers will help adorn the gravesites at the Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent and the Washington State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake, as well as veterans' graves at more than twenty other Washington cemeteries and statewide locations, in a stirring tribute to the courage and sacrifice of those who have guarded and preserved our nation's freedom throughout history;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim December 13, 2014 as

### *Wreaths Across America Day*

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014

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

Governor Jay Inslee

