

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the people 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 in the past century; and

WHEREAS, our state is home to more than 525,000 veterans, 63,000 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 those American servicemembers 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, 2023, as

Veterans Day

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



Signed this 25th day of September, 2023

Governor Jay Inslee