

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, philanthropy – the act of giving of one’s time or resources to make life better for others – has benefited countless Washingtonians and is part of Washington’s intrinsic value system; and

WHEREAS, philanthropy works to solve problems at their root cause, the benefits of philanthropic contributions have a far-reaching effect on Washington’s quality of life – from our largest cities to our smallest towns – and contributing to the well-being of others can bring happiness and security to both the giver and receiver; and

WHEREAS, men and women who share their personal resources, time, and talents to bring about lasting beneficial change report an improved sense of well-being, lower stress levels, better physical health, enhanced emotional health, and an enriched sense of purpose in life; and

WHEREAS, the state of Washington values the outstanding achievements of individual, foundation, corporate philanthropists, and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Philanthropy Northwest was first established in Seattle on November 23, 1976 as the Pacific Northwest Grantmakers Forum to “exchange information, ideas and procedures among charitable organizations, foundations, charitable trusts and charitable grant-making organizations, all to the end of benefiting and promoting charity;” and

WHEREAS, family funds, foundations and corporate-giving programs committed to the state of Washington are an integral part of Philanthropy Northwest’s regional network and vision that “Northwest communities have vibrant, healthy futures that honor our past, our people and our cultures;”

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 23, 2016 as:

Philanthropy Northwest Day

in Washington, and encourage all people in our state to give of their time, talents and resources to bring about positive and lasting change in their neighborhoods and communities.

Signed this 6th day of October, 2016

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

Governor Jay Inslee

