

The State of Washington



Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, it is important on Memorial Day to cherish and honor 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 United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, originated following the Civil War, which claimed more lives than any prior conflict and required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day provides us with the opportunity to reflect on and honor the past, renew and pass on our patriotism, pay tribute to the sacrifices that allow us to continue to live in freedom, and seek peace so that our veterans will not have died in vain; and

WHEREAS, since the late 19th century, each year in May, Americans pause to observe Memorial Day, a special day and national holiday since 1971 set aside to remember with dignity and admiration those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 27, 2024, as

Memorial Day

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

Signed this 18th day of March, 2024

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

Governor Jay Inslee

