

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, October has historically been celebrated as National Energy Awareness Month, and October 30 has been declared National Weatherization Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington has administered the Weatherization Assistance Program since its inception in 1978, which provides a variety of state and federal resources through 27 community action agencies, housing authorities, and departments of local government, and three tribal entities, that serve people in every county in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington has a mission to conserve energy, reduce burdens to low-income households, and ensure equitable distribution of benefits as stated in the Clean Energy Transformation Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the increasing cost of energy has a major impact on low-income families, making the Weatherization Assistance Program a vital resource in conservation and relief; and

**WHEREAS**, the Weatherization Assistance Program has adopted professional standards for weatherization work, aiding the development of an energy efficiency workforce, that receives living wages, in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to recognize the value of programs that ensure that all residents, especially those living at or below the federal poverty level, have the opportunity to live in energy efficient, healthy, safe, and comfortable homes as provided for by the Weatherization Assistance Program;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 30, 2020, as

### *Weatherization Day*

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

Signed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020

Governor Jay Inslee

