

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Earth Day was created 47 years ago, recognizing the importance of every person in preserving our natural resources; and on that first Earth Day, 20 million Americans rallied for a healthy, sustainable environment; and

WHEREAS, the global community now faces extraordinary challenges, such as global health issues, food and water shortages, and economic struggles; and

WHEREAS, all life forms on Earth have a right to a healthy, sustainable environment and as caretakers of our planet, we all have an obligation to change the human behaviors that contribute to climate change and environmental degradation to preserve the Earth's beauty and its resources; and

WHEREAS, this obligation extends not only to today's caretakers but also to the future generations of caretakers who will inherit the planet from us; and

WHEREAS, in Olympia, the capital of Washington, the Procession of the Species was created in 1995 as a public celebration to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Earth Day, inspiring thousands to deepen their understanding, appreciation, and protection of the natural world; and

WHEREAS, local communities, schools, businesses, and environmental organizations have raised over 100 Earth flags in our state's capital to unite those working in the interest of the planet, inspire participation, and build intergenerational action through local activism and global environmental consciousness;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, hereby proclaim April, 2017, as

Earth Month – #ONEDAYISNOTENOUGH

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



Signed this 17th day of March, 2017


Governor Jay Inslee