

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**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 25 community action agencies, housing authorities, departments of local government, and three tribal entities to people in every county in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington has a long-standing commitment to conserve its energy resources and to help low-income households through its Weatherization Assistance Program since 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 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to recognize the value of the Weatherization Assistance Program in ensuring 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington has expanded its commitment to improve the environmental health of low-income homes through the reduction of asthma and lead-based materials in the Weatherization Plus Health initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, October is National Energy Awareness Month, and October 30 is National Weatherization Day;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 30, 2016 as

### *Weatherization Day*

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016

Governor Jay Inslee

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