

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the science of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) has a growing importance in technology and connects our state's people, regions, natural resources, and systems; and

WHEREAS, geography is a common language that strengthens decision-making for governments, communities, and businesses across our entire state; and

WHEREAS, geographic technology is used to manage our state COVID and wildfire threats, evaluate locations for broadband access and develop a geographic context for equity, in addition to protecting our forests and croplands, identify geologic hazards and plan for climate change and changes to our coastline and shorelines; and

WHEREAS, GIS plays a crucial role in managing, preserving, and protecting public safety, natural resources, and fisheries while planning for our vibrant future; and

WHEREAS, GIS helps people collaborate, share knowledge, and better understand our state and the systems we rely on every day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 15-19, 2021, as

State Geography Awareness Week

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

Signed this 18th day of October, 2021

Governor Jay Inslee

