

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Women's History month is celebrated throughout the United States of America during the month of March; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 2022 is "Providing Healing, Promoting Hope," which acknowledges the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, while recognizing the many ways in which women/womxn of all cultures have provided healing and hope throughout history; and

WHEREAS, women/womxn of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of the state of Washington in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, women/womxn have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social roles in every sphere of life in the state of Washington by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, women/womxn have played a unique role throughout our state's history by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force; and

WHEREAS, women/womxn were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in the United States and in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, women/womxn of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, women/womxn have served our country courageously in the military; and

WHEREAS, women/womxn have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, emancipation movement, industrial labor movement, civil rights movement, peace movement, and other movements, which creates a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of women/womxn in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching, and study of American history;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as

Women's History Month

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance and take a pledge to be a leader in the fight for gender equity.

Signed this 24th day of February, 2022

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

Governor Jay Inslee

