

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Washington state recognizes Women's Equality Day as a day of celebration throughout the country that emphasizes the importance of women's work for democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, women/womxn in the United States have continuously worked to gain full rights and privileges - public and private, legal and institutional - as residents of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the 19th Amendment provides that the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on the account of sex; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress has designated August 26, the date in 1920 on which ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment was certified, as Women's Equality Day; and

**WHEREAS**, women/womxn continue to fight against laws that disenfranchise Black, Indigenous, women/womxn of color, women/womxn living in poverty and women/womxn with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, fair pay helps strengthen economic security for Washington's families, and when Washington's families prosper, our state prospers; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2023, as

### *Women's Equality Day*

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

Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2023

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

Governor Jay Inslee

