

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 2023 is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories", which highlights in particular the contributions of women past & present who have been leaders in all forms of media and storytelling; and

WHEREAS, women 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 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 through both their professional and volunteer contributions; and

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

WHEREAS, women 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 causes; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of women 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 2023 as

Women's History Month

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

Signed this 20th day of February, 2023

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

Governor Jay Inslee

