

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Washington State Interagency Committee of State Employed Women, and the Washington State Women's have joined together to celebrate the right of all women/womxn to vote; and

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

WHEREAS, women/womxn in every state and every cultural and religious group worked to secure women's right to vote; and

WHEREAS, throughout history Black, Indigenous and women/womxn of color had been denied the right to vote even after the enacting of the 19th amendment; 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, 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, Congress has designated August 26, the date the Nineteenth Amendment was certified, as Women's Equality Day; and

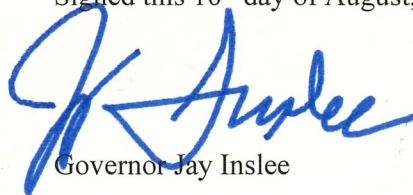
WHEREAS, recognizing Women's Equality Day as a day of celebration throughout the country emphasizes the importance of women's work for democracy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2021, as

Women's Equality Day

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance and to recognize the full value of women's skills and significant contributions to our state and its labor force.

Signed this 16th day of August, 2021


Governor Jay Inslee

