

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, Washington state recognizes that one of its greatest strengths is the diversity of its people and has a long standing tradition of upholding the dignity of the individual; and

*WHEREAS*, Washington state supports equal treatment for all people regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression; and ensures that acts of discrimination and hatred will not be tolerated; and

*WHEREAS*, members of the transgender community contribute to the growing diversity and prosperity of our state; and

*WHEREAS*, transgender persons, particularly transgender people of color, continue to face high levels of discrimination, stigma and bias that can fuel abuse and violence against their community; and

*WHEREAS*, Washington state embraces all people and Washingtonians uphold our shared values of dignity, equality and fair treatment for everyone by ensuring that acts of violence toward transgender persons are not tolerated; and

*WHEREAS*, Transgender Day of Remembrance helps bring public awareness to anti-transgender hate crimes and honors the memory of those hurt and killed by acts of anti-transgender violence each year; and

*WHEREAS*, Washingtonians are encouraged to observe this day and to honor the lives we have lost because of senseless violence against transgender people, as we move forward together in the promotion of acceptance and understanding;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Jay Inslee, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 20, 2024, as

### *Transgender Day of Remembrance*

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



Signed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2024

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

Governor Jay Inslee