

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, individuals who identify outside of the gender binary have existed in the Pacific Northwest prior to the arrival of Europeans, including in many Indigenous cultures that honor the Two-Spirit identity, a third gender distinct from the Western gender binary; and

WHEREAS, the city of Seattle became the sixth city in the country to include "gender identity and expression" in its nondiscrimination ordinance in 1986; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Washington state established one of the nation's earliest statewide LGBTQ Commissions, demonstrating its commitment to uplifting LGBTQ Washingtonians; and

WHEREAS, according to the Williams Institute, transgender people are over four times likely to experience violence compared to their cisgender counterparts; and

WHEREAS, transgender women, youth and people of color face a disproportionate amount of discrimination, stigma and bias that can fuel abuse and violence against their community, and,

WHEREAS, Washington state works to ensure that acts of discrimination and hatred, including acts of violence toward transgender individuals, are not tolerated; and

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

WHEREAS, Washington state supports equal treatment for all people regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression,

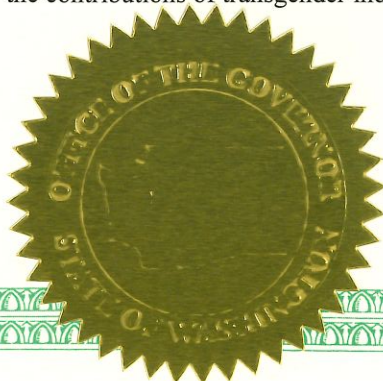
WHEREAS, by celebrating the historical and ongoing contributions of transgender individuals and communities in Washington, the state affirms the identities, dignity and strength of transgender Washingtonians; and

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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Ferguson, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 20, 2025, as

Transgender Day of Remembrance

in Washington, and I affirm the importance of supporting the transgender community in Washington and honoring the contributions of transgender individuals throughout history.



Signed this 14th day of November, 2025

Handwritten signature of Bob Ferguson in black ink.

Governor Bob Ferguson