

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, energy efficiency is the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet Washington state's energy needs, avoid dangerous pollution, and reduce utility bills for residents and businesses in our community; and

*WHEREAS*, implementing energy efficiency and other clean energy policies and programs can help boost economic opportunities and job creation while continuing to move Washington toward a sustainable future; and

*WHEREAS*, smarter energy use reduces the amount of electricity needed to power our lives, which helps avoid power plant emissions that can harm our health, pollute our air, and warm our climate; and

*WHEREAS*, energy efficiency makes our homes and workspaces healthier, safer, and more comfortable; and

*WHEREAS*, cutting energy waste saves U.S. households billions of dollars on their utility bills every year, up to \$500 per household from appliance efficiency standards alone; and

*WHEREAS*, improved energy codes for homes and commercial buildings also can significantly reduce utility costs and create new jobs, and Washington supports increasing the minimum levels of efficiency for new buildings through adoption of a stricter code; and

*WHEREAS*, a nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners has designated the first Wednesday in October as national annual Energy Efficiency Day; and

*WHEREAS*, together we can continue to contribute to our sustainability efforts by learning more about energy efficiency and practicing smarter energy use in our daily lives;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Jay Inslee do hereby proclaim October 4, 2023, as

### *Energy Efficiency Day*

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

Signed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023

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

Governor Jay Inslee

