

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, the American people endured with courage and heroism the worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil in the nation's history; and

WHEREAS, in response to this tragedy, Americans across the country came together in a remarkable spirit of patriotism and unity and carried out countless acts of kindness, generosity, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, community organizations and family members of 9/11 victims began observing the anniversary of September 11th as a charitable service day to honor the memory of those who were lost and those who united in response to the tragedy, including first-responders and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, participating in service and remembrance activities on September 11th is a positive and respectful way to remember the lives of those lost, pay tribute to those who rose in service, and honor those who continue to serve our country today, including veterans, soldiers, military families, and first responders; and

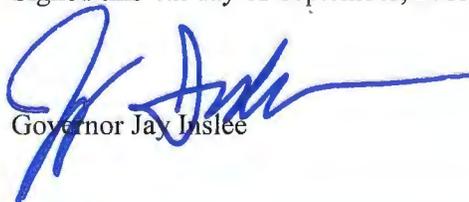
WHEREAS, the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, approved by Congress and enacted into law on April 21, 2009, requested September 11th to be observed and recognized as an annual "National Day of Service and Remembrance" and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service with leading this nationwide effort; and

WHEREAS, September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance activities are being organized by the Washington Commission for National and Community Service and a wide range of nonprofits, faith-based and community groups, public agencies, educational institutions, private businesses, and other organizations across the state; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2013, and on the days leading up to and following this day, citizens of Washington have an opportunity to participate in activities that honor 9/11 victims and heroes by joining together in service projects to meet community needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington proclaim September 11th a Day of Service and Remembrance in Washington, and call upon the people of Washington to honor the lives and memories of those lost through participation in community service and remembrance ceremonies on this day and throughout the year.

Signed this 4th day of September, 2013


Governor Jay Inslee

