

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, for centuries, the United States of America, which includes the state of Washington, has been plagued with discrimination and racism; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence reads, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness"; and

WHEREAS, there currently is no known holiday, day, nor month set aside to bring American people together as one people; and

WHEREAS, The Tacoma Ministerial Alliance (TMA) has deemed that July of each year be recognized as Love Thy Neighbor Month; and

WHEREAS, Love Thy Neighbor month is a hate-free month based on the common humanity of all Washingtonians;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim July 2022, as

Love Thy Neighbor Month

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to work toward fostering, appreciating, and demonstrating love toward one another irrespective of any difference.

Signed this 21st day of February, 2022

Governor Jay Inslee

