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Governor Inslee Declares January 20-26, 2020 Community Risk Reduction Week

Olympia – Governor Inslee [declares](#) January 20-26, 2020 as Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Week. CRR is a process to identify and prioritize local risks, followed by the integrated and strategic investment of resources to reduce their occurrence and impact.

The State Fire Marshal's Office is committed to working alongside the fire service to identify the risks in their communities and develop plans for mitigating those risks.

For fire safety and prevention tips, visit the SFMO's website at <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/prevention-data-collection/> or follow us on Twitter @wafiremarshal.

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, on average, during 2018 in Washington State, a fire department responded to a fire somewhere in the state every 17 minutes, a fire occurred in a structure every 53 minutes, and a home fire occurred every 48 minutes; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, fires were responsible for 67 civilian deaths, 161 civilian injuries, and an estimated \$225 million in property damage in Washington; and

WHEREAS, more than 9,300 wildfires burned 1.5 million acres in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the fire service strives to reduce the impact of anticipated emergencies that have the potential to cause loss of life and damage to property, infrastructure, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Community Risk Reduction is a data-driven process to identify and prioritize local risks, followed by strategic investment of resources to reduce their occurrence and impact; and

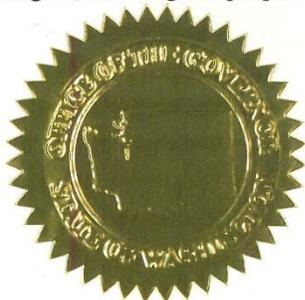
WHEREAS, Community Risk Reduction is implemented through action in the five E's; Education, Engineering, Enforcement, Emergency response, and Economic incentive; and

WHEREAS, with an integrated Community Risk Reduction program, most fire-related and many medical calls for service are preventable;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim January 20-26, 2020, as

Community Risk Reduction Week

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



Signed this 20th day of January, 2020

Governor Jay Inslee

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