The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are the first line of defense against crime; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers throughout the state conduct themselves in a manner that supports, maintains, and defends the constitutions of the state of Washington and the United States; and

WHEREAS, numerous law enforcement officers, while performing their duties, have risked their own lives to save the lives of others, distinguishing themselves with exceptionally meritorious conduct; and

WHEREAS, the protection of the people in our state and the fight against crime is a 24-hour endeavor, exposing our law enforcement professionals to serious danger and placing their lives in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS, in Washington State, more than 300 law enforcement officers have been killed in the line of duty since 1889;

NOW, *THEREFORE*, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 10-14, 2021, as

Law Enforcement Recognition Week

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

Signed this 5th day of May, 2021

Governor Jay Inslee

