

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, throughout our country's history, courageous men and women of the Evergreen State have answered the call to protect and defend justice, liberty, and the freedom we hold so precious; and

WHEREAS, rising above the call of duty at the risk of grave injury and loss of life, a celebrated few of these fearless service members distinguished themselves as heroes in the eyes of their comrades through their bravery and self-sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, in 1862, the United States Congress established the Medal of Honor as the highest award to be given to members of our country's military forces in recognition of their incredible valor during armed conflict; and

WHEREAS, Washington honors the 91 Medal of Honor recipients on the Washington State Capitol Medal of Honor Memorial, which was originally dedicated on November 7, 1976; and

WHEREAS, this monument honors those Washingtonians who have received the Medal of Honor, the highest distinction that can be awarded to a member of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Congress designated March 25 annually as National Medal of Honor Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2021, as

Medal of Honor Day

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to remember with honor and celebrate with respect the brave heroes who have earned this recognition through fearless self-sacrifice in defense of our country and the ideals on which it was founded.

Signed this 15th day of March, 2021

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

Governor Jay Inslee

