

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Women's History month is celebrated throughout the United States of America during the month of March; and

**WHEREAS**, the national theme for Women's History Month in 2024 is "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion", which highlights women past and present who have been leaders in lifting up others with awareness and understanding and who see differences in culture, thought, race, abilities, and worldview as strengths that are helpful and necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of the state of Washington in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

**WHEREAS**, women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social roles in every sphere of life in the state of Washington by constituting a significant portion of the labor force through both their professional and volunteer contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in the United States and in the state of Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, women have served our country courageously in the military; and

**WHEREAS**, women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, emancipation movement, industrial labor movement, civil rights movement, peace movement, and other causes; and

**WHEREAS**, despite these contributions, the role of women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching, and study of American history;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as

### *Women Making History Month*

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

Signed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2024

Governor Jay Inslee

