

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Washington State University Master Gardener volunteer program is celebrating 45 years of service to the people of our state; and

WHEREAS, this model of volunteer service, emulated in all fifty states and numerous foreign countries, was founded by Washington State University in 1973; and

WHEREAS, there are 3,524 Washington State University Master Gardener volunteers who served more than 287,000 Washington State residents in 2017; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated volunteer educators use their love of gardening to enhance natural resources and environmental stewardship, improve the health and wellness of Washington residents, and create and sustain vibrant communities and urban neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Master Gardener program sets a remarkable example of voluntary community service by giving over 309,000 hours and returning to Washingtonians more than 10 times the funds expended on the program's maintenance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 23-29, 2018, as

Washington State University Master Gardener Volunteer Week

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

Signed this 9th day of August, 2018

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

Governor Jay Inslee

