

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, every 21 minutes, a fire department in Washington responds to a fire somewhere in the state, a fire occurs in a structure at the rate of one every 77 minutes, and a home fire occurs every 88 minutes; and

WHEREAS, fires were responsible for 75 civilian deaths, 159 civilian injuries, and an estimated \$246 million in property damage; and

WHEREAS, more than 6,597 wildfires burned 609,502 acres in 2020; 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, most fire-related and many medical calls for service are preventable, with the five E's performed as part of an integrated Community Risk Reduction program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim January 17-23, 2022, as

Community Risk Reduction Week

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

Signed this 4th day of January, 2022

Governor Jay Inslee

