

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, every 17 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 74 minutes, and an emergency medical service and rescue incident takes place every 48 seconds; and

**WHEREAS**, fires were responsible for 81 civilian deaths, and an estimated over \$330 million in property damage; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 66,255 wildfires burned 7,534,403 acres in the United States in 2022 with over 110,025 acres burned in Washington state in 2023; 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 areas of 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; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim January 15-21, 2024, as

### *Community Risk Reduction Week*

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

Signed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023

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

Governor Jay Inslee

