

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, on average, during 2018 in Washington State, a fire department responded to a fire somewhere in the state every 17 minutes, a fire occurred in a structure every 53 minutes, and a home fire occurred every 48 minutes; and

*WHEREAS*, in 2018, fires were responsible for 67 civilian deaths, 161 civilian injuries, and an estimated \$225 million in property damage in Washington; and

*WHEREAS*, more than 9,300 wildfires burned 1.5 million acres in 2018; 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*, with an integrated Community Risk Reduction program, most fire-related and many medical calls for service are preventable;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim January 20-26, 2020, as

### *Community Risk Reduction Week*

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



Signed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020

Governor Jay Inslee