

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, petroleum-fueled vehicles are responsible for over 50 percent of our local greenhouse gas emissions and are a contributing factor to air pollution and climate change, threatening the health of our individuals, families, and communities, and the sustainability of our planet; and

WHEREAS, the imbalance between gasoline resources and worldwide demand is escalating gasoline prices to levels that overburden commerce, hurt economic growth, and cause hardship; and

WHEREAS, electric vehicles produce fewer pollutants that enter our watersheds with storm water runoff and help protect water quality, which is essential to the health and recovery of Washington's wildlife, including our iconic salmon and orcas; and

WHEREAS, the transportation sector needs support to move toward the adoption of clean energy technology, including plug-in electric vehicles, that reduces our dependence on foreign fuels and supports a healthy environment and economy; and

WHEREAS, Washington is dedicated to being a leader in the use of clean energy, establishing policies and programs that conserve energy and promote sustainability, and the state is well on its way to its goal of 50,000 plug-in electric vehicles by 2020 with more than 30,000 already on our roads; and

WHEREAS, with investment from private partners and electric vehicle owners, Washington is expanding its West Coast Electric Highway network of fast chargers along major highway corridors through the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Partnership Project; and

WHEREAS, September 8-16, 2018, is designated as National Drive Electric Week throughout the country to educate everyone about the benefits of plug-in electric vehicles and promote their adoption, and 13 communities in Washington – Anacortes, Bellevue, Ferndale, Friday Harbor, Issaquah, Kennewick, Liberty Lake, Richland, Steilacoom, Tacoma, Vancouver, Walla Walla, and Yakima – are hosting Drive Electric Week events where drivers are publicly sharing the many advantages of driving electric; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 8-16, 2018, as

Drive Electric Week

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

Signed this 7th day of September, 2018

Governor Jay Inslee

