

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Urban and Community Forestry Month is an opportunity to appreciate trees as a key to making any community a truly vibrant place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, since 1991, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources' Urban and Community Forestry Program has been providing leadership to create self-sustaining urban forestry programs that preserve, plant, and manage forests and trees for public benefits and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, with easily accessible natural areas in our cities, awareness of the outdoors is fostered into our daily lives; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce energy costs and increase home values, keep our air clean to breathe and our water safe to drink, promote physical fitness and improve mental health, mitigate the impacts of climate change and decrease city temperatures on hot summer days, and ease the stresses of city life; and

WHEREAS, October is the best time to plant trees in Washington by taking advantage of the cooler climate and abundant moisture, allowing newly planted trees to become established in the landscape; and

WHEREAS, as a firm advocate for investment in community trees and forests, the Department of Natural Resources' Urban and Community Forestry Program helps local governments, citizen groups, and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees where people live and work in Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2014 as

Urban and Community Forestry Month

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



Signed this 12th day of September, 2014

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

Governor Jay Inslee