

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 citizens 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 to our citizens; 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 has more than 20,000 plug-in electric vehicles on our roads, well on our way to the goal of 50,000 by 2020; and

WHEREAS, September 9-17, 2017, 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;

WHEREAS, 11 communities in Washington are hosting Drive Electric Week events where drivers are publicly sharing the many advantages of driving electric in Bellevue, Bellingham, Issaquah, Liberty Lake, Richland, Spokane, Steilacoom, Vancouver, and Walla Walla; and

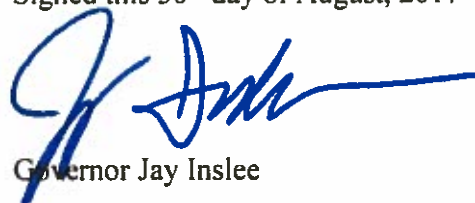
WHEREAS, with investment from private partners and electric vehicle owners, Washington is expanding its network of publicly-accessible DC fast chargers along major highway corridors through the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Pilot Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 9-17, 2017, as

Drive Electric Week

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

Signed this 30th day of August, 2017


Governor Jay Inslee

