

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Washington has more than 60,000 active duty military, national guard and reserve forces, and over 514,000 veterans who have willingly volunteered to serve our state and nation with more than two million family members; and

WHEREAS, the state of Washington recognizes that veterans are a well-trained and sometimes untapped pool of labor with a wide range of skills and abilities; and

WHEREAS, Washington operates the first WorkSource/American Job Center office on a military base located at Joint Base Lewis McChord, serving more than 300 veterans and military spouses per month; and

WHEREAS, the Employment Security Department and Department of Veterans Affairs have teamed up with the State Legislature and others to coordinate the statewide YesVets Hiring Initiative to recognize and encourage businesses to hire veterans, resulting in nearly 1,100 employers hiring some 4,600 veterans since February 2016; and

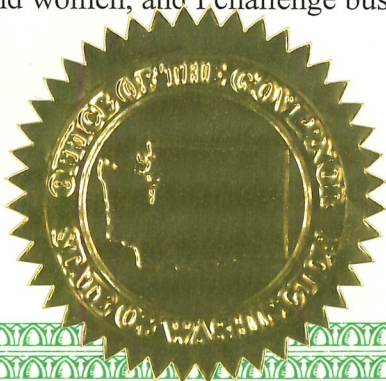
WHEREAS, our state offers a Work Opportunity Tax Credit and B&O or PUT Tax Credit for businesses that hire eligible veterans, and our state certifies Veteran Owned Businesses and encourages all agencies to increase contracts with them; and

WHEREAS, the state of Washington, the Employment Security Department, and our WorkSource partners are committed to providing veterans and their spouses and family members with the employment and training opportunities needed to achieve happy and successful careers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 2019, as

Hire-A-Veteran Month

in Washington, and I urge all citizens to join me in observing this month of honor for our service men and women, and I challenge businesses across the state to hire veterans whenever possible.



Signed this 6th day of November, 2019

Governor Jay Inslee