

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., the Ride of Silence will begin in North America and roll across the globe as cyclists take to the roads in a silent procession to honor fellow cyclists who have been killed or injured while cycling on public roadways; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Chris Phelan organized the first Ride of Silence in Dallas after endurance cyclist Larry Schwartz was hit by the mirror of a passing bus and was killed; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans engage in cycling because it is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent form of physical exercise; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to promote alternative forms of transportation such as walking and bicycling in order to reduce pollution, reduce America's dependence on fossil fuels, and improve the health and well-being of all people; and

WHEREAS, the ride is also an opportunity for the cycling communities to come together to honor those who have been killed or injured while bicycling on public roadways; and

WHEREAS, a Ride of Silence has been held in at least fourteen communities across the state of Washington, including Bainbridge Island, Bellingham, Everett, Kent/Auburn, Olympia, Seattle, Silverdale/Bremerton, Spokane and Spokane Valley, Tacoma, Vancouver, Walla Walla, Wenatchee, and Woodinville;

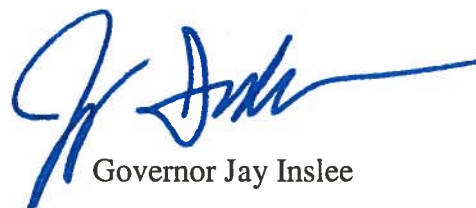
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 21, 2014 to be

Ride of Silence Day

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

Signed this 12th day of May, 2014




Governor Jay Inslee