

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) is the world's largest celebration of the innovators and job creators who launch startups that bring ideas to life, drive economic growth, and expand human welfare; and

WHEREAS, small businesses are the primary driver of economic vitality across the state, particularly in rural and underserved communities, accounting for two-thirds of all new jobs; and

WHEREAS, Washington State is embarking on a historic recovery effort, one in which entrepreneurs, startups and small businesses will play a pivotal role in creating an equitable, robust and diverse recovery statewide; and

WHEREAS, many Washingtonians will be considering the idea of starting, owning and operating their own businesses, many for the first time; and

WHEREAS, these entrepreneurs will require technical assistance, education, training and mentorship to successfully start their business; and

WHEREAS, Washington State celebrates its entrepreneurial spirit that fosters a working Washington where all residents have equal access to economic prosperity and living-wage jobs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 2020 as

Global Entrepreneurship Month

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

Signed this 26th day of October, 2020

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

Governor Jay Inslee

