

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, nuclear medicine is used in thousands of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures every day to improve the health and lives of individuals living in Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of nuclear science professionals throughout the state of Washington are dedicated to service and progress in all areas of power generation, nuclear medicine, national defense, and teaching communities, as well as research and development in the communities in which they live and work; and

**WHEREAS**, nuclear space propulsion systems are being used safely and reliably in robotic missions and science experiments beyond our state, nation, and solar system; and

**WHEREAS**, nuclear marine propulsion is essential to the safe and effective operation of our national naval fleet and the health and welfare of those who serve in our naval fleet; and

**WHEREAS**, nuclear energy in our state and the nation is helping to reduce carbon emissions and plays a vital part in the state's diverse mix of environmentally-responsible generating resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington's only nuclear power generating station, which is the third-largest electric generator in the state, generates 1,190 megawatts of electricity, enough to power the city of Seattle, equivalent to approximately 10 percent of the electricity generated in Washington, and this at-cost full-time electricity is generated for the region while releasing zero carbon emissions into the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the nuclear science community is reaching beyond old paradigms and beliefs to advance a modern understanding of the nuclear sciences, and

**WHEREAS**, Washington State educational institutions are preparing students to enter rewarding careers in nuclear science, technology, and many related pursuits through their STEM programs (science, technology, engineering, and math);

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 17-21, 2016 as

### *Nuclear Science Week*

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

Signed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016

Governor Jay Inslee

