

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, we resolve to restore, protect, and preserve the health of Puget Sound and its tributaries, which support our state's economy and quality of life by providing cultural, recreational, commercial, and tourism opportunities; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that the Coast Salish have stewarded this land from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, a healthy and vibrant Puget Sound is an important part of our Northwest culture, our tribal treaty responsibilities, and our legacy for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the health of Puget Sound has declined, and creatures and plants great and small are at risk from the human impacts of stormwater runoff, loss of natural habitats, and a changing climate, from our bull kelp forests and salmon to our orcas and shellfish; and

WHEREAS, each of us has the power to protect Puget Sound by working together to reduce stormwater pollution through the *Puget Sound Starts Here Campaign*; and

WHEREAS, in the month of September, the state of Washington will join with other governing bodies, organizations, and community groups to strengthen stewardship of our shared watershed and encourage all to take action to improve the health of Puget Sound;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2022 as

Puget Sound Starts Here Month

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to support clean water and healthy habitat by joining me in this special observance.



Signed this 16th day of August, 2022

Governor Jay Inslee