

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, hunger affects millions of people nationwide, including millions of children, seniors and military veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, food pantry shelves filled from winter holiday giving are often bare in late spring; and

**WHEREAS**, when school meal programs end in the summertime, millions of children must find alternate sources of food; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, the National Association of Letter Carriers' "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive collected 71 million pounds of donated food which were distributed locally in 10,000 cities and towns across America; and

**WHEREAS**, in Washington State in 2015, 1.7 million pounds of donated food was collected by Letter Carriers; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, thousands of households in Washington State will struggle to provide enough food for their families: and

**WHEREAS**, the National Association of Letter Carriers continues to work to end the challenges of hunger in Washington State through its 24<sup>th</sup> annual "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 14, 2016, the second Saturday of May, Letter Carriers will collect food donations to be distributed to pantries and food banks at a much needed time of the year;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2016 as

### ***Letter Carriers' "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive Day***

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

Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016

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

Governor Jay Inslee

