

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Washington State University Master Gardener volunteer program is celebrating 43 years of service to the citizens of our state; and

WHEREAS, this model of volunteer service, emulated in all fifty states and numerous foreign countries, was founded by Washington State University in 1973; and

WHEREAS, there are 3,330 Washington State University Master Gardener volunteers who served more than 330,000 Washington residents in 2015; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated volunteer educators use their love of gardening to enhance natural resources and environmental stewardship, improve health and wellness of Washington residents, and create and sustain vibrant communities and urban neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Master Gardener program sets a remarkable example of voluntary community service by returning to Washingtonians over 10 times the funds expended on the program's maintenance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 23-29, 2016 as

Washington State University Master Gardener Volunteer Week

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

Signed this 2nd day of May, 2016




Governor Jay Inslee