

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Washington state is home to over 400 craft breweries, ranking second in the U.S. for the number of breweries operating in a state; and

WHEREAS, we are "Home of the Hops" with 75 percent of the U.S. hop crop grown in the Yakima Valley, making Washington beers the freshest you can find; and

WHEREAS, small and independent craft breweries are a bright spot in Washington's economy, generating over \$1.4 billion in economic impact to our state in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Washington craft breweries are primarily small and family owned, are located in all regions of our state, and directly employ more than 6,300 workers; and

WHEREAS, Washington craft breweries are integral components of their communities, bringing people together and giving back to local non-profits and causes; and

WHEREAS, March 2, 2019, is Washington Beer Open House, with breweries across the state inviting the public to tour local brew houses and meet the brewers;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 2, 2019, as

Washington Beer Day

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

Signed this 27th day of February, 2019

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

Governor Jay Inslee

