Proclamation

WHEREAS, October is National Energy Awareness Month, and October 30 is National Weatherization Day; and

WHEREAS, the state of Washington has a long standing commitment to conserve its energy resources and to help low-income households through its Weatherization Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the increasing cost of energy has a major impact on low-income families, making the Weatherization Assistance Program a vital resource in conservation and relief, providing savings to low-income households, which they spend in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the state of Washington has administered the Weatherization Assistance Program since its inception in 1978, providing a variety of state and federal resources through twenty-five community action agencies, housing authorities, and departments of local government that serve people in every county in our state; and

WHEREAS, the Weatherization Assistance Program has created and sustains stable jobs in a professional weatherization workforce across the state; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the value of those programs that ensure that all residents, especially those living at or below the federal poverty level, have the opportunity to live in energy efficient, healthy, safe, and comfortable homes as provided for by the Weatherization Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the state of Washington has expanded its commitment to improve the environmental health of low-income homes through reduction of asthma and lead-based materials risks through the Matchmaker Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 30, 2015 as

Weatherization Day

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

Signed this 8th day of October, 2015

Governor Jay Inslee