

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington has the 2nd highest risk of damaging earthquakes in the United States, and scientific evidence indicates that Washington is vulnerable to earthquakes in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the loss of life and property can be greatly reduced if appropriate earthquake preparedness measures are taken before a damaging earthquake; and

**WHEREAS**, state agencies should be prepared at their facilities and state workers prepared in their homes, so they can continue to provide essential public services after an earthquake and support the state's disaster response mission with the peace of mind that their families are prepared; and

**WHEREAS**, minimizing the potential for injury and death during future earthquake and tsunamis depends on the ability to rapidly take personal protective actions, and quickly evacuate from tsunami inundation zones; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department's Emergency Management Division, in conjunction with its Great Washington ShakeOut campaign, leads the statewide "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" drill and tsunami siren test, to be held on October 18, 2018 at 10:18 a.m.;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, require all state government employees to register at [shakeout.org/Washington](http://shakeout.org/Washington) and participate in

### ***The Great Washington ShakeOut Earthquake Drill***

***10/18/2018 at 10:18 a.m.***

Thank you for participating. Knowing what to do during an earthquake will help us avoid the added and unnecessary trauma of being caught unprepared when an earthquake strikes.

Signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018

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

Governor Jay Inslee

