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 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 8th day of October, 2018

[Signature]
Governor Jay Inslee