

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the state of Washington is home to five active volcanoes, four of which are considered very high threat, and the fifth is considered high threat; and

WHEREAS, geological evidence indicates that the state remains vulnerable to impacts of volcanic eruptions; and

WHEREAS, the people of our state should become familiar with volcano hazards in their communities, become 2 Weeks Ready for any disaster, and have awareness of evacuation routes in order to prepare to respond effectively; and

WHEREAS, loss of life and property damage can be significantly reduced as preparedness measures are taken before, during, and after a volcanic eruption; and

WHEREAS, state agencies and employees should be aware of volcanic hazards, and prepared for their impacts so that they may continue to provide essential public services after a volcanic eruption and support the state's disaster response and recovery mission; and

WHEREAS, the May 18, 1980, eruption of Mt. St. Helens brought worldwide attention to the potential hazards of Washington's volcanoes, the importance of which remains relevant today; and

WHEREAS, the importance of practicing preparedness around volcanoes will be highlighted during the month of May as the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, the United States Geological Survey Cascades Volcano Observatory, other state and federal agencies, and city, county, and Tribal emergency management offices will work to promote the value of emergency preparedness activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as

Volcano Awareness Month

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to learn about their hazards and prepare for future volcanic eruptions.



Signed this 10th day of April, 2023

Handwritten signature of Jay Inslee in blue ink.

Governor Jay Inslee