

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Privacy is a foundational right of individuals proclaimed, protected and enshrined in the Washington State Constitution in Article I section 7; and

**WHEREAS**, a day is set aside each year to recognize the importance of data privacy and data protection on January 28th to raise awareness and promote privacy and data protection best practices; and

**WHEREAS**, is observed across the world in over 50 countries, in order to draw attention to best practices and innovative discussions that promote individual control over personally identifiable information, responsible privacy practices and compliance with privacy laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of Europe first recognized Data Privacy Day in 2007, and the US Congress followed suit in 2009 by passing House Resolution 31 by a vote of 402-0 declaring 28 January National Data Privacy Day; and

**WHEREAS**, Data Privacy Day is recognized as an educational initiative focused on raising awareness among businesses, governments, and individuals about the importance of respecting individual privacy and protecting personal information; and

**WHEREAS**, many states, including Washington, have passed or continue to discuss further protecting consumers personal information through education, enforcement and enunciation of the rights of access, correction, deletion, and portability of their personal information; and

**WHEREAS**, the pervasive use of data collecting and generating technologies in our homes, in our everyday life activities, in schools, and in our work, gives rise to the potential compromise of personal privacy if appropriate care is not taken to protect personal information; and

**WHEREAS**, The protection of all forms of personal information is a global imperative for governments, industry, civil society, and individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, the recognition of Data Privacy Day will encourage more people in Washington to become aware of personal information privacy concerns and to take steps to protect their own privacy interests as well as their personal information;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim January 28, 2022, as

### *Data Privacy Day*

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

Signed this 11<sup>th</sup>, day of January, 2022

Governor Jay Inslee

