

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Drive Electric Week is a nationwide celebration to heighten awareness of today's widespread availability of plug-in vehicles and highlight the benefits of all-electric and plug-in hybrid-electric cars, trucks, motorcycles, and more; and

WHEREAS, electric vehicles are fun to drive, are less expensive and more convenient to fuel than gasoline vehicles, are better for the environment, promote local jobs, and reduce our dependence on foreign oil; and

WHEREAS, Plug In America, Sierra Club, and the Electric Auto Association serve as the national team providing support to the events throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, 9,745 plug-in electric vehicles are registered in Washington, and the Seattle Electric Vehicle Association is the second largest club in the nation; and

WHEREAS, five communities in Washington are hosting Drive Electric Week events and drivers are reaching out to share the many advantages of driving electric with the public; and

WHEREAS, the XXX Root Beer Event in Issaquah will feature many makes and models of electric vehicles, including the Tesla Model S, Nissan Leaf, Chevy Spark, and BMW i3; and

WHEREAS, Washington State built the West Coast Electric Highway network of publicly-accessible DC fast chargers along our major roadways; and

WHEREAS, I've directed the Department of Transportation to develop an Electric Vehicle Action Plan to advance the use of electric vehicles and to continue to build out the electric vehicle charging network along state highways and at key destinations, as funding and partnerships allow;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 15 - 21, 2014 as

Drive Electric Week

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

Signed this 16th day of September, 2014

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

Governor Jay Inslee

