

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, energy is a fundamental element of everyday life – at the flip of a switch or the turn of a dial, energy supplies heating, cooling, cooking, and lighting; and

WHEREAS, energy is vital to our state's economy; it supports modern society's complex systems – patient care, air traffic control, running a business, and even the state; and makes the fun things in life possible – lights at football stadiums, air conditioning at theaters, and rides at fairs; and

WHEREAS, energy provides careers to thousands of residents in our state ranging from line worker to engineer, construction specialist to accountant, chemist to environmentalist, maintenance laborer to executive – all valued and all essential; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency and developing an energy workforce trained in clean energy technology are important components of Executive Order 14-04, Washington Carbon Pollution and Clean Energy Action; and

WHEREAS, we are facing a critical skilled workforce shortage to maintain the existing electrical power system; and

WHEREAS, new low-carbon electricity generation and supporting infrastructure will need to be designed, built and operated to substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions over the next two decades – while continuing to meet the electricity demands of the economy; and

WHEREAS, through collaboration, the Pacific Northwest Center of Excellence for Clean Energy – “A Centralia College Partnership,” and the Washington State Labor Council will organize statewide events to inform Washingtonians about rewarding careers and training opportunities in energy;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 13-18, 2014, as

Careers in Energy Week

in Washington and I urge all people in our state to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the career and technical education programs in this state and to support and participate in these programs to enhance individual work skills and productivity.

Signed this 7th day of October, 2014

Governor Jay Inslee

