

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, landscape architecture encompasses the analysis, design, planning, management and stewardship of the natural and built environment; and

WHEREAS, Washington state and its citizenry benefit from the licensed practice of landscape architecture, assuring the design of healthy, equitable, safe and resilient outdoor spaces; and

WHEREAS, landscape architects have a responsibility to protect public health by creating accessible spaces such as public plazas, parks, schools, residential common areas, playgrounds and trails that lead to active lifestyles and healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, landscape architects have a responsibility to protect public safety by applying land design skills, technical knowledge and conservation techniques that ensure the safety of communities; and

WHEREAS, landscape architects have a responsibility to protect public welfare through the purposeful design of public and private spaces that provide economic, social and environmental benefits for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) knowledge is at the core of the professional practice of landscape architecture and informs landscape architects as innovators, educators, researchers and leaders who can solve the challenges facing Washington communities; and

WHEREAS, landscape architects are leaders in creating resilient and green infrastructure designs addressing erosion and sediment control, stormwater management and strategies to mitigate the effects of sea level rise and flood waters; and

WHEREAS, landscape architects are leaders in creating sustainable landscapes, helping to reduce water demand and energy consumption, conserve or restore natural resources, ensure wildlife habitat, improve air quality and regulate climate; and

WHEREAS, landscape architects believe in and prioritize the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, national origin, education level or income with regard to the development and implementation of public designs and plans; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2019 as

Landscape Architecture Month

Signed this 13th day of March, 2019

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

Governor Jay Inslee

