

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, medical imaging exams have revolutionized medicine and are directly linked to greater life expectancy for Americans, declines in cancer and hospital mortality rates, and are often safer and less expensive than invasive procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, medical imaging scans reduce the number of invasive surgeries, unnecessary hospital admissions, and lengths of hospital stays which help lower health care costs for patients, and the New England Journal of Medicine has named medical imaging one of the top 10 medical advances of the last 1,000 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington is a significant international center of medical treatment, training, and research, and the Washington State Radiological Society's 840 members who practice across our state contribute their expertise to the diagnosis and treatment of patients from our region and around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the diagnostic radiology, interventional radiology, and radiation oncology residency programs at the University of Washington in Seattle are some of the most highly-regarded nationally, producing the next generation of imaging professionals to serve our region and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, November 8, the anniversary of the discovery of the X-ray, is the International Day of Radiology, which this year is dedicated to emergency radiology;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2017, as

### *Radiology Day*

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



Signed this 14<sup>th</sup> of September, 2017



Governor Jay Inslee