

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, testicular cancer is the leading cause of cancer in males age 15-35, although it can occur at any age; and

**WHEREAS**, 79 percent of cases of testicular cancer occur in men under the age of 45, an age in which young men are least likely to be thinking they are vulnerable to cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, 1 in 250 males will be diagnosed with testicular cancer in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, one male in the United States is diagnosed each hour; and

**WHEREAS**, one male dies each day from testicular cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the rates of testicular cancer have been increasing for the past four decades; and

**WHEREAS**, early detection and treatment at early stages leads to an almost 100% cure rate; and

**WHEREAS**, late stage diagnoses leads to higher treatment burdens and unnecessary deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, monthly testicular self-exams may lead to early detection and treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, men cured of testicular cancer can add on average an additional 42 years of life; and

**WHEREAS**, testicular cancer not only affects men but also their family and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, Testicular Cancer Awareness Month will encourage men to discuss testicular cancer with their healthcare provider, allow time to honor all those we have lost and redouble our efforts to beat testicular cancer once and for all;

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

### ***Testicular Cancer Awareness Month***

in Washington and encourage all people, government agencies, private businesses, non-profit organizations and other groups to join in activities that will increase awareness, early detection and treatment of testicular cancer.

Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2019

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

Governor Jay Inslee

