

# 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 residents 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 they have a responsibility to protect public safety by applying land design skills, technical knowledge, and conservation techniques that ensure the safety of communities, and they 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 landscape architecture and informs landscape architects 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 in the development and implementation of public designs and plans regardless of race, national origin, education level, or income;

*NOW THEREFORE*, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as

### *Landscape Architecture Month*

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

Signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022

Governor Jay Inslee

