The State of Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Washington is committed to fostering a community that promotes equity, fairness, respect, adherence to the law, and effective resolution of disputes within a richly diverse population; and

WHEREAS, disagreements, conflicts, complaints, confusion, and questions will inevitably arise in any government; and

WHEREAS, the fair and effective resolution of such issues is in the best interest of both the residents involved and the state of Washington, as it fulfills its mission of local governance; and

WHEREAS, an Ombudsman Office is an independent, informal, confidential and impartial resource whose purpose is to assist all members of the Washington community with a broad range of questions, disputes, complaints, and concerns; and

WHEREAS, the American Bar Association has established October 10th as Ombuds Day in the United States, to recognize the ombuds professions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2019, as

Ombuds Day

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

Signed this 8th day of October, 2019

Governor Jay Inslee