

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington experiences natural and man-made disasters and scientific evidence indicates that we remain vulnerable, making it important for everyone in our state to prepare themselves to be self-sufficient following a natural, or man-made disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals, companies, and government agencies should review their preparedness plans, contact information, and emergency kits so that they can provide essential services after a disaster, and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department's Emergency Management Division, with its *Great Washington ShakeOut* campaign, leads the statewide "Drop, Cover and Hold On Drill" and coastal county "Tsunami Siren Test" to be held in October; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency preparedness for the upcoming winter season begins with the *Take Winter By Storm* campaign, which provides information and emphasizes the actions that residents need to take to prepare for winter weather impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, by participating in the *Great Washington ShakeOut* and the *Take Winter By Storm* campaigns, individuals, neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and organizations will take steps to prepare before a disaster strikes; and

**WHEREAS**, the loss of life and property can be greatly reduced if individuals, government agencies, tribes, schools, hospitals, and businesses are equipped with a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio and use it as a personal all-hazards alert and warning system; and

**WHEREAS**, the NOAA Weather Radio is a complement to local broadcast news and the Internet, providing residents and businesses information on approaching hazards that allows them critical lead time to prepare and to take the appropriate public safety actions before, during, and after events;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as

### Disaster Preparedness Month & NOAA Weather Radio Awareness Month

and I urge all residents to take appropriate actions now to prepare for future emergencies.



Signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016

Governor Jay Inslee