

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, access to mobility is a fundamental part of health and community connection, allowing Washingtonians to reach education and employment opportunities, medical services, shopping, recreational activities, and visit friends and family, and is one of the state's six transportation system policy goals, including investing public dollars to improve the movement of people throughout Washington state; and

WHEREAS, nearly one third of the people residing in Washington state do not have a driver's license, either because of their age or a condition that does not allow them to drive; and

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Transportation Statistics estimates the cost of owning a car is approximately 72 cents per mile, with average household spending on transportation reaching \$10,961 a year in 2021, many Washingtonians cannot afford the cost of a car; and

WHEREAS, because transportation represents the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Washington and the United States (U.S.); to meet our state's greenhouse gas emission reduction goals, we must reduce emissions in our transportation sector; and

WHEREAS, transportation is an important environmental justice concern as tire dust can enter watersheds, freeway expansions are detrimental to neighborhoods that have historically been home to communities of color and impervious surfaces for parking are needed, with an estimated 3.4 parking spaces for every car in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, going a week without driving is great way to understand how we can improve our current transportation system to better meet the needs of Washingtonians and improve and enhance transportation options, such as transit, light rail, biking, and walking pathways as key strategies in our decarbonization efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 30-October 6, 2024, as

Week Without Driving

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



Signed this 20th day of August, 2024

Governor Jay Inslee