

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington has a long history of leadership in protecting and promoting equal opportunity for people who have disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with disabilities continue to experience unemployment and poverty at rates substantially higher than those without disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington State's Employment First law recognizes that all individuals, regardless of their disability, will be afforded an opportunity to pursue competitive employment; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington is recognized nationally for its excellence and success in providing supported employment services to people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, employees with disabilities require assistance to ensure job success and should have access to the supports necessary to succeed in the workplace;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington do hereby proclaim February 2, 2022, as

### *Employment for All Day*

in Washington, and I encourage employers to join me in fighting perceptions that are keeping people living with disabilities from joining the workforce, and encourage employers to hire people with disabilities as an integral part of their workforce.

Signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022

Governor Jay Inslee

