

WHEREAS, consumer-owned public power utilities in Washington State provide safe and reliable electrical service to more than 1.77 million customers in the state of Washington;

WHEREAS, public power utilities contribute substantially to the well-being of Washingtonians through energy efficiency, customer service, environmental protection, economic development, and safety awareness; and

WHEREAS, public power utilities in Washington State have been providing not-forprofit services to customer-owners for more than 100 years, dating back to establishment of the first municipal utilities in the late 1800s; and

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WHEREAS, locally-owned public power utilities have a vested interest in preserving the natural beauty and resources of Washington and have a long history of serving communities with clean, renewable energy resources while promoting energy efficiency and conservation; and

WHEREAS, public power utilities provide affordable services and programs that help customers maintain comfort in their homes and remain profitable in their businesses while conserving resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim the week of October 5-11, 2014 as

## Public Power Week

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

Signed this 1st day of October, 2014