

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, energy is a fundamental part of everyday life, including heating, cooling, cooking, and lighting; and

WHEREAS, energy is vital to our state's economy, since virtually every industry is dependent on electricity, and energy market trends are an indicator of the overall health of the economy; and

WHEREAS, energy provides careers to thousands of residents, including line work, engineering, construction, accounting, chemistry, maintenance, and management; and

WHEREAS, new employees are needed to replace retiring workers in order to maintain a skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, low-carbon electricity generation and its supporting infrastructure will need to be designed, built, operated, and maintained in order to substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions over the next two decades – while still meeting electricity demands; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 14-04, Washington Carbon Pollution Reduction and Clean Energy Action, seeks to develop an energy workforce trained in clean energy technology and energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Northwest Center of Excellence for Clean Energy, *A Centralia College Partnership*, the Washington State Labor Council, and energy sector employers will provide information about rewarding careers and training opportunities in the energy sector so that Washington can continue to grow and prosper;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 17-21, 2016, as

Careers in Energy Week

in Washington and I urge all people in our state to support career and technical education programs and careers in Washington that support the energy sector.

Signed this 28th day of September, 2016

Governor Jay Inslee

