

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Washington state is fortunate to have individuals of all ages who selflessly help their neighbors and others through acts of kindness and goodwill; and

WHEREAS, volunteer service is integral in addressing local and national issues and is an effective strategy to unite communities while meeting critical needs; and

WHEREAS, by helping others, volunteers also help themselves by learning new skills, expanding their professional networks, connecting with neighbors and experiencing satisfaction from serving a larger cause; and

WHEREAS, acts of service unite people from different backgrounds and allow us to truly see and hear one another; and

WHEREAS, government cannot do the job alone, however, working together with nonprofits, community organizations, the private sector, and individuals, we can make our state stronger, more prosperous and ready for the future; and

WHEREAS, when more Washingtonians step forward to serve, it renews our sense of community and strengthens our democracy; and

WHEREAS, it is important to honor those who give their time, talent and resources for the betterment of their community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Ferguson, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 19-25, 2026, as

Volunteer Appreciation Week

in Washington, and I invite all people in our state to join me in recognizing those who volunteer and serve and encourage all people to pledge to make service a part of their daily lives.

Signed this 20th day of April, 2026

Governor Bob Ferguson

