

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, downtowns and main streets are the heart of our communities across Washington state and a testament to the resilience of our small businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington Main Street program is a statewide effort to help Washington's main street businesses do what they do best, create jobs and ensure that our communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today; and

**WHEREAS**, designated Washington Main Street Communities represent, as a group, the second largest private sector employers in the state, supporting over 65,000 jobs in nearly 7,000 businesses that generate nearly \$10 billion in revenue annually; and

**WHEREAS**, Main Street Communities have delivered a broad range of much needed pandemic-related resources and services to downtown business in their effort to be resilient throughout the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2011 Washington state's Main Street Communities have led revitalization efforts that include over 380,000 volunteer hours, more than 3,000 events, and an economic impact of nearly \$900 million dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, Main Street Communities have provided thousands of small businesses with direct technical assistance;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim, June 7-12, 2023, as

### *Main Street Week*

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

Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023

Governor Jay Inslee

