

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, on May 5, 1974, Governor Dan Evans, with robust statewide community support, signed Substitute Senate Bill No. 3146, which established the Washington State Arts Commission's Art in Public Places program, the second state in the nation to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, the bill recognized this state's responsibility to foster culture and the arts and its interest in the ongoing development of its artists; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Arts Commission has facilitated the acquisition, placement, and stewardship of artworks in state-funded building projects throughout Washington for 50 years; and

**WHEREAS**, over 5,000 artworks are part of the State Art Collection, enlivening the spaces where we gather in schools, colleges, universities, and other public buildings across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, public art elevates our humanity as it enlivens our public spaces, fostering engagement with history, heritage, culture, and community; and

**WHEREAS**, May 5<sup>th</sup> recognizes the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of Washington's Art in Public Places legislation;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2024, as

### *Art in Public Places Day*

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

Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024

Governor Jay Inslee

