

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, outdoor recreation is an essential component of Washington State's economy and quality of life, employing 227,000 Washingtonians and generating \$1.6 billion in state and local tax revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, our state and federal agencies face millions of dollars of maintenance backlogs for trails and other recreation sites; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington Trails Association's 3,400 volunteers commit 100,000 hours of volunteer trail maintenance on state and federal public lands each year—an in-kind contribution of \$2 million; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington Trails Association works tirelessly to raise awareness of hiking and public lands in Washington State, raising a new generation of hikers and public lands advocates;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim August 2, 2014 as

### *Washington Trails Day*

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

Signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014



Governor Jay Inslee