

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Western dancing is truly an American form of dance, originating when settlers danced squares, contras, and reels around campfires on their way to our western shores; and

WHEREAS, square dancing has been an American tradition since our earliest history, promoting the spirit of fellowship among people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the square dance is the official dance of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, 2019 marks the 40th anniversary of the legislation that established the official state dance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2019, as

Square Dance Week

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

Signed this 4th day of September, 2019

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee

