WASHINGTON STATE - In recognition of the thousands of public safety personnel that have been called to serve their city, state and country each and every day, Governor Jay Inslee has proclaimed the week of August 25 - September 1, 2013 to be “Stand With Those Who Serve Week” in the state of Washington.

Washington’s public safety personnel from city, county, state, federal and military are often called to serve daily in a variety of ways throughout the great State of Washington. In many cases, their commitment extends well past a day at work and these same caring individuals are the coaches, mentors and leaders in their own communities.

Washington’s public safety agencies work collaboratively to safeguard life and property even in the face of personal harm on a daily basis. We would like the citizens of Washington State to take the time to show your support for the public safety community by letting them know that you “Stand With Those Who Serve”.

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WHEREAS, Washington is committed to ensuring the safety and security of everyone residing in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS, Washington's public safety personnel from city, county, state, federal, and military agencies are critical to keeping our communities safe; and

WHEREAS, from answering the call for help to offering services that bring relief and comfort during the worst of circumstances, as well as ensuring our citizens are safe and secure, the public safety community is always readily available; and

WHEREAS, Washington's public safety personnel are the first to respond to an emergency situation, frequently going beyond their regular duties in their mission to serve and protect; and

WHEREAS, our public safety personnel are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of crime, fires, and injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Washington's public safety agencies work collaboratively to safeguard life and property, protect citizens and stand up for the most vulnerable, even in the face of personal harm; and

WHEREAS, the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices facing the public safety community on a daily basis earn them the respect, admiration, and gratitude of those they serve and protect;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim the week of August 25 – September 1, 2013 as

Stand With Those Who Serve Week

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

Signed this 9th day of August, 2013

Governor Jay Inslee