The State of Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Puget Sound significantly supports our state's economy by providing cultural, recreational, commercial and tourism opportunities; and

WHEREAS, a healthy and vibrant Puget Sound is an important part of our Northwest culture, quality of life, tribal treaty responsibilities, and legacy for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the health of Puget Sound waterways directly impacts the food we eat, the water we drink and the beaches we play on; and

WHEREAS, the health, value and opportunities of Puget Sound have declined due to human activities and behaviors including polluted stormwater runoff, loss of natural habitats and the impacts of a changing climate; and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound watershed includes Clallam, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Mason, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston and Whatcom counties; and

WHEREAS, more than 750 state and federal agencies, local governments, nonprofits, businesses and tribes are working together to efficiently and effectively raise awareness about how individual behavior impacts our waterways through the Puget Sound Starts Here campaign; and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Starts Here campaign is working to connect Puget Sound residents with activities and opportunities to reduce their individual and cumulative impacts on Puget Sound;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do herby proclaim May 2014 as

Puget Sound Starts Here Month

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

Signed this 21st day of April, 2014

Governor Jay Inslee