

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, tribal canoes will travel the traditional highways of their ancestors to the Puyallup Tribe of Indians for a week-long celebration, July 30-August 5, 2024, journeying from the Pacific Ocean, the waters of British Columbia, Alaska, Puget Sound, and the Salish Sea; and

**WHEREAS**, the canoes will represent approximately 50 tribes and Canadian First Nations from many locations in Washington, Alaska and British Columbia, as well as indigenous people from other states and countries and will arrive at the Chinook Landing Marina in the Port of Tacoma, the traditional territory of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, on July 31, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, tribal canoe journeys have become a vital and monumental event for Native American families to revitalize their culture and to pass on traditional knowledge and canoe teachings to younger generations while bringing awareness to the importance of protecting and preserving the fish, lands and waters; and

**WHEREAS**, the tribal canoe journey is a journey of healing, hope, honor, and hospitality – relationships are strengthened, family ties are renewed and traditions are reclaimed;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim July 30-August 5, 2024, as

### *Our Sacred Youth: Canoe Journey Week*

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

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024

Handwritten signature of Jay Inslee in blue ink.

Governor Jay Inslee

