Proclamation

WHEREAS, the state of Washington seeks to protect and improve the health of all Washingtonians, which is inextricably linked to the health of Washington's domestic animals, wildlife, and environment, by promoting and strengthening One Health efforts in our state; and

WHEREAS, the state of Washington is a leader in developing solutions to the complex health issues that face us today, including antimicrobial resistance, infectious disease spread, and air and water quality challenges; and

WHEREAS, addressing these and future problems requires the combined efforts of many agencies, organizations, and professionals across sectors; and

WHEREAS, One Health is a collaborative, multi-sector, transdisciplinary approach that fosters strong partnerships among and between Washington's agencies, clinicians, professionals, industries, and academic institutions; and

WHEREAS, information about the One Health approach can foster communication, collaboration, and coordination among professionals in the human, animal, and environmental health fields and improve awareness for the general public about the necessity of an interdisciplinary approach in solving health challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Health, the Washington State Department of Agriculture, the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, and other state agencies, academic institutions, physicians, veterinarians, and local public health organizations, are collaborating to promote the One Health approach;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 3, 2019, as

One Health Day

In Washington, and Lencourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 30th day of October, 2019

Governor Jay Inslee