

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, February 12, 2017 is the anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin in 1809;
and

WHEREAS, Charles Darwin is recognized for the discovery of natural selection as the mechanism by which biological evolution occurs; and

WHEREAS, Darwin's discovery of natural selection continues to serve as the foundation for ongoing advances in science, health, philosophy, art, education, and many other areas of modern life; and

WHEREAS, Darwin's strength of character is evident in the great courage, wisdom, and honesty required to explore and publish the findings supporting natural selection as the mechanism by which biological evolution occurs; and

WHEREAS, the anniversary of Darwin's birthday is an appropriate period on which to celebrate, reflect, and act on the principles of intellectual bravery, perpetual curiosity, and hunger for truth, which contribute to the well-being of all people; and

WHEREAS, Washington State is rightfully proud of its commitment to science, health, technology, art, and education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim February 12, 2017 as

Darwin Day

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



Signed this 31st day of January, 2017

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

Governor Jay Inslee