WHEREAS, internal auditing is a vital part of strengthening organizations and protecting stakeholders of both the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, internal auditing helps identify and manage the organization's risks and ensure policies, procedures, and controls are in place and working appropriately; and

WHEREAS, internal auditing is an increasingly sophisticated and complex activity requiring specialized knowledge, training, and education; and

WHEREAS, internal auditing is an established profession, with a globally recognized code of ethics and International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing; and

WHEREAS, historically, the global internal audit profession promotes awareness about its value during the month of May each year; and

WHEREAS, the contribution of internal auditors to the success of organizations and the global economy at large deserves our recognition and commendations;

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

Internal Audit Awareness Month

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

Signed this 17th day of April, 2019

Governor Jay Inslee