

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, on May 5, 1974, Governor Dan Evans signed Substitute Senate Bill No. 3146, which established in law the Washington State Arts Commission's Art in Public Places program, the second state in the nation to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, the bill, sponsored by Senators Jonathan Whetzel, Martin Durkan, Fred Dore, and later by the Committee on State Government, recognized this state's responsibility to foster culture and the arts and its interest in the viable development of its artists; and

**WHEREAS**, vigorous support for passage of the new state law came from communities and organizations across the state, and public agencies such as the Department of Highways, King County Arts Commission, and the Seattle Arts Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Arts Commission has facilitated the acquisition, placement, and stewardship of artwork in state-funded building projects throughout Washington for 40 years; and

**WHEREAS**, over 4,500 works of art are part of the State Art Collection and sited in schools, colleges, universities, and other public buildings across the state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2014 as

### *Art in Public Places Day*

in recognition of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of Washington's Art in Public Places legislation, and I commend the Washington State Arts Commission for its stewardship of the State Art Collection, one of the oldest and largest publically sited collections in the United States.



Signed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014

Governor Jay Inslee