

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the United Nations designated 2019 as the International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements; and

WHEREAS, in doing so, the United Nations recognized the development of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements as one of the most significant achievements in science and a unifying scientific concept, with broad applications and implications for astronomy, chemistry, physics, biology, and other natural sciences; and

WHEREAS, the International Year of the Periodic Table will coincide with the 150th anniversary of the discovery of the Periodic Table by Dmitry Mendeleev in 1869; and

WHEREAS, the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements is a unique tool enabling scientists to predict the appearance and properties of matter on Earth and throughout the Universe; and

WHEREAS, Washington acknowledges that the International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements provides an opportunity to demonstrate how these chemical elements are central to improving the human condition and addressing the world's great challenges related to water, food, health, security, and energy; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that the brightest young minds continue to be attracted to chemistry and other branches of science in order to foster the next generation of scientists, engineers, and innovators; and

WHEREAS, the American Chemical Society is committed to improving people's lives through the transforming power of chemistry and to advancing the field of chemistry for the benefits of Earth and its people; and

WHEREAS, the American Chemical Society encourages its members in Washington State to work with their colleagues to organize outreach activities to instill public appreciation of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements and its contributions to the betterment of life on this planet;

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

Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements

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

Signed this 16th day of August, 2019

Governor Jay Inslee

