The State of Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, for the past 100 years, the United States Department of Labor has fostered, promoted, and developed the welfare of wage earners, job seekers, and retirees of this country; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor has continually sought to make the American workplace safer, healthier, and fairer for everyone; and

WHEREAS, working families in Washington State have benefitted from the Department's efforts to assure work-related benefits and rights, including the right to be paid fairly for every hour labored; and

WHEREAS, the Department has evolved to meet the changing needs of a changing workforce by partnering with employers, community organizations, and institutions of higher learning to improve job training, provide lifelong learning opportunities, and advance efforts for profitable employment; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the Department has reached outside the confines of the workplace—allowing parents to take leave and tend to loved ones, training veterans and young people for lifetime careers, and guaranteeing the pensions of retired workers; and

WHEREAS, the services provided by the United States Department of Labor will remain important to the well-being of all Americans, addressing tomorrow's conditions, and meeting the needs of future workers with the same insight, foresight, and passion it has shown for the past century;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay, Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 4, 2013, as the

Centennial Anniversary of the United States Department of Labor

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 21st day of February, 2013

Governor Jay Inslee