

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, each year, Washington state faces catastrophic events such as earthquakes, wildfires, landslides, flooding, and other natural disasters, all of which carry the potential to cause serious damage - or, even worse, total destruction - to private property and homes; and

WHEREAS, following disasters, stressed and strained homeowners are vulnerable to predatory practices from dishonest contractors fraudulently inflating repair or rebuilding costs, and

WHEREAS, predatory practices by nefarious contractors ultimately increase costs for consumers by driving up insurance premiums and forcing insurers to reevaluate risk; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that an effective public outreach campaign highlight the various types of contractor fraud schemes to help educate consumers on how to identify and avoid such schemes; and

WHEREAS, the National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages Washingtonians to get at least three written estimates, check contractor credentials, and work closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process when hiring a contractor; and

WHEREAS, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, in collaboration with its local and state partners in Washington, including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and state officials, are committed to educating Washingtonians about predatory practices by dishonest contractors; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Washington are encouraged to become familiar with contractor fraud and participate in the various programs during annual Contractor Fraud Awareness Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 22-26, 2023, as

Contractor Fraud Awareness Week

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

Signed this 11th day of May, 2023

Governor Jay Inslee

