

WASHINGTON STATEHOOD DAY

WHEREAS, in March 1853 the Territory of Washington was organized which included what is now Washington, northern Idaho and western Montana; and

WHEREAS, Mason County was established in 1854 as a county of the Washington Territory;

WHEREAS, a constitutional convention for Washington territory met in Olympia during the summer of 1889, a general election was held and the voters approved the work of the Convention; and

WHEREAS, Congress and President Benjamin Harrison approved the Washington State Constitution and President Harrison declared Washington to be the 42nd state in the Union on November 11, 1889; and

WHEREAS, Washington enjoys a legacy of people with a diverse culture as well as abundant and beautiful natural resources ranging from wheat fields to mountain ranges to coastal waters; and

WHEREAS, Mason County, its' citizens, businesses and schools have made a significant contribution to the development and continued success of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, it is important to remember our heritage and that Washington's future depends on the acts and decisions of Washington citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Mason County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2005 as

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And encourage all citizens to take pride in our state and participate in activities that will provide a continued healthy and prosperous future for all Washingtonians.

Dated this 8th day of November, 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Jayni L. Kamin, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

Tim Sheldon, Commissioner