



## Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), a congressional chartered veterans service organization founded in 1946, has developed a unique expertise on a wide variety of issues involving the special needs of their members: veterans of the Armed Forces who have experienced spinal cord injury or dysfunction; and

WHEREAS, PVA uses their expertise to advocate for quality health care, research, and education regarding spinal cord injuries and dysfunction, the benefits available to members as a result of their military service and civil rights, and any opportunities that may maximize members' independence; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America (NWPVA) is a member chapter of PVA in good standing since 1978 located in Burien, Washington; and

*WHEREAS*, NWPVA's mission is to provide opportunities for health promotion, recreation, employment, sports and recreation, service, and comradery for paralyzed veterans and to educate society on the barriers confronting persons with disabilities, advocate for health care, and elevate public awareness of the current and ongoing needs and contributions of America's veterans:

*NOW*, *THEREFORE*, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as

## Paralyzed Veterans of America Awareness Month

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in celebrating NWPVA's accomplishments in the Northwest.

Signed this 16th day of April, 2020

Governor Jay Inslee

