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## **Invasive Species Awareness Week**

### **Proclamation Sample for Partners**

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**WHEREAS**, invasive species—including noxious weeds—damage our land and water, harm our wildlife and the productivity of our natural resources, and inhibit management of those resources in **YOUR JURISDICTION**; and

**WHEREAS**, every year, the prevention, monitoring, and control invasive species, combined with the damage to crops, fisheries, forests, and other resources, cost the nation an estimated \$137 billion a year; and

**WHEREAS**, invasive species are recognized as the second greatest threat to biodiversity worldwide after habitat destruction from human development; and

**WHEREAS**, invasive species threaten the survival of native plants and animals, and are a significant threat to almost half of the native species listed as federally endangered, including salmon; and

**WHEREAS**, invasive species interfere with ecosystems by changing natural processes such as fire, water availability, flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, invasive species impede industry, threaten agriculture, endanger human health, and are becoming increasingly more difficult to prevent and control as a result of global commercialization and human travel; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention is far less expensive than trying to remove species once they arrive and an educated and aware public is highly effective at detecting species early;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I/WE, NAME(S), JURISDICTION**, do hereby proclaim February 22 to February 28, 2021 as

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in **YOUR JURISDICTION**, and **I/WE** encourage all people in our **JURISDICTION** to learn more about preventing and stopping invasive species by visiting [invasivespecies.wa.gov](http://invasivespecies.wa.gov).

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