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 use and management of those resources in JURISDICTION; and

WHEREAS, every year, the costs to prevent, monitor, and control invasive species, combined with the damage to crops, fisheries, forests, and other resources are estimated $137 billion annually nationwide; 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, and 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 introduced species early;

NOW, THEREFORE, I/WE, NAME(S), ROLE of the JURISDICTION, do hereby proclaim February 28 to March 4, 2022, as

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in YOUR JURISDICTION, and I/WE encourage all people in our JURISDICTION to learn more about preventing invasive species by visiting invasivespecies.wa.gov.

SIGNATURE

Signed this day ##th day of MONTH, 2022