



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE —

## *Greetings from the Governor* 2021

I am pleased to extend warm greetings to all of those celebrating the centennial anniversary of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Association.

The NARFE should be proud of the work that it has done for the past 100 years to defend and advance the retirement benefits of civil servants who serve the United States, including valuable guidance and timely resources. The NARFE is a leading voice in the state of Washington and across the country for the federal community.

Washingtonians depend on more than 67,000 federal employees to carry out the important work of the federal government, including civilian defense employees who support and equip the United States Armed Forces; doctors and nurses who care for veterans; cybersecurity professionals who protect critical infrastructure and respond to emerging threats; scientists and researchers who respond to pandemics and develop new cures for diseases; federal law enforcement and intelligence officers who protect the United States from foreign and domestic threats; prosecutors and judges who uphold the laws; prison guards who maintain safety and security; postal workers who keep communities connected and the economy churning; air traffic controllers and airport security workers who protect our skies and travelers; land management workers who protect and service our national parks, national forests, and federal public lands; revenue agents who ensure the United States has the necessary funds to carry out critical functions; and scientists, engineers, and specialists who protect the air we breathe and the water we rely on for drinking and recreation.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable celebration and many more years of providing federal workers and retirees with wise counsel as they make critical decisions about their benefits and gain confidence in a secure future.

Very truly yours,

Jay Inslee  
Governor