The State of Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, operational control exercised by airline dispatchers in the United States plays a critical role in aviation safety and ensures that aviation remains the safest mode of transportation; and

WHEREAS, airline dispatchers assist in planning flight paths that consider aircraft performance and loading, enroute winds, thunderstorms and turbulence forecasts, airspace restrictions, and airport conditions; and

WHEREAS, as of 2025, Washington is home to more than 600 certificated flight dispatchers who ensure the safety of over 1,700 daily commercial flights; and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 1937, the United States Civil Air Regulations went into effect, which established the airline dispatcher rating; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Ferguson, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2026, as

Airline Dispatcher Day

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to recognize the vital role of airline dispatchers in the aviation industry.

Signed this 30th day of October, 2026

Governor Bob Ferguson