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TO: Statewide Elected Officials
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FROM: Bob Ferguson, Governor

SUBJECT: 2026 Governor's Outstanding Leadership Awards

Each year we take time to recognize the dedicated public servants who make Washington a better place to live, work and thrive. I am pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the 2026 Governor's Outstanding Leadership Awards.

This is your opportunity to honor individuals in your organization who went above and beyond in the 2025 calendar year – those who led with integrity, inspired others, and delivered measurable results. Whether through a breakthrough one-time achievement, or consistent, sustained leadership, these individuals exemplify the very best of public service.

We are looking for nominees who not only meet high standards of leadership, but who also advance innovation, equity, and continuous improvement in the work they do every day.

You will find more details about the nomination process in the attached materials. Please submit your nominations by May 29, 2026.

This is a great opportunity to uplift the leaders who are making a difference across our state. Thank you for helping us to recognize and celebrate their contributions.

Attachment