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Committee for Alternatives to the Death Penalty

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**Vigil at State Capitol Steps  
Thursday September 9, 7:00 p.m. to 12 Midnight  
Mourns Washington State's Next Execution**

**A somber and mostly silent vigil on the State Capitol Building's steps Thursday evening September 9 will mourn Washington State's next execution, the fifth since 1993. The vigil will extend from 7:00 p.m. Thursday evening until a few minutes after 12 midnight Friday morning, when the State intends to kill Cal Brown at the Washington State Penitentiary in Walla Walla.**

In case this execution is stayed or postponed, the vigil will begin as scheduled, because people oppose the death penalty overall, not just in this particular case, but it would end in mid-evening.

"The death penalty perpetuates the cycle of violence," said Glen Anderson, a member of the sponsoring organization, the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation's Committee for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. "Murder is wrong, whether committed by an individual or by the government. Two wrongs don't make a right."

"The State of Washington, which prides itself on being a civilized place, has been pre-meditating killing Mr. Brown since sentencing him in 1993," Anderson added.

"Worldwide," he said, "139 countries have abolished the death penalty in law or practice, leaving the U.S. as nearly the only modern democracy that still practice the death penalty extensively. As a lifelong Washingtonian, I'm appalled that our government would do such a thing. We urge the public to abolish this barbaric practice."

The vigil will be mostly silent, except for a few brief readings occasionally during the evening. The organizers invite members of the public to vigil silently in the spirit of nonviolence. Participants may bring flashlights but not candles.

For information contact Glen Anderson at (360) 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org), and visit the death penalty page in the Issues section of [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org).

The Washington Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (WCADP) offers more information at (206) 622-8952, [www.abolishdeathpenalty.org](http://www.abolishdeathpenalty.org) and <http://abolishcapitalpunishment.blogspot.com/>

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