

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Washington's paramount duty to our residents is the provision of education for each student residing in our state; and

WHEREAS, access to public education provides the foundation of our democracy and is key to developing knowledgeable, responsible and productive members of our society; and

WHEREAS, our public schools welcome and serve all students, regardless of income, background, religion, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, sensory, mental or physical abilities, etc.; and

WHEREAS, excellence in education is dependent on safe, secure and peaceful school settings; and

WHEREAS, numerous schools and school districts throughout our state have been affected by school-based violence and senseless tragedies; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Washington School Safety Week can build awareness and support for creating and maintaining schools with positive and safe learning climates;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 19, 2015 as

School Safety Week

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to take a moment to remember those affected by school violence, and for all school officials to create, read or share school safety policies and plans with other school employees and parents, as a key step toward improving and maintaining school safety for each and every Washington student.



Signed this 8th day of October, 2015


Governor Jay Inslee