

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, a strong, effective system of free public school education for all children and youth is essential to our democratic system of government; and

WHEREAS, the United States has made considerable progress in the social, technological, and scientific fields due to our system of free and universal public education; and

WHEREAS, much of this progress can be attributed to the qualified and dedicated teachers entrusted with the educational development of our children; and

WHEREAS, teachers provide opportunities for students to connect with the world around them, develop basic skills for success in life and work, experience the realization of high expectations and the fulfillment of steps toward achievable goals; and

WHEREAS, teachers should be accorded high public esteem, reflecting the value placed on their skills and abilities, and the importance of public education; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that teachers be recognized for their dedication and commitment to educating their students;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 8-12, 2017 as

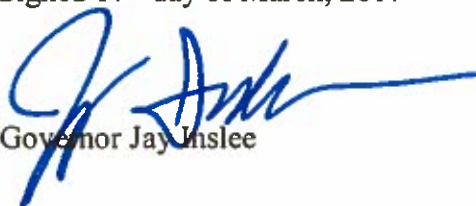
Teacher Appreciation Week

and May 9, 2017 as

Teacher Appreciation Day

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed 17th day of March, 2017


Governor Jay Inslee

