

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, all children deserve to be raised in safe, stable, and loving homes; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,194 children and youth in Washington are legally free and waiting for a family to call theirs forever; and

WHEREAS, the state of Washington recognizes the importance of finding a permanent and caring family for every child in need and supporting the families who care for them; and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness of the need for more adoptive parents is a critical step in moving our longest-waiting children from foster care into adoptive families; and

WHEREAS, giving a child a strong foundation – a home, family to love, and safe place to grow – is one of life's greatest and most generous gifts; and

WHEREAS, families who choose the life-changing path of adoption make a meaningful and lasting difference in the lives of some of the most vulnerable children and youth in our state; and

WHEREAS, courts and communities across Washington will celebrate the 16th Annual Adoption Day on or around November 21, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 21, 2020, as

Adoption Day

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

Signed this 5th day of November, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee

