

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, children and youth of Washington are our state's most precious resource and hope for the future; and

WHEREAS, there are nearly 6,100 children of all ages experiencing foster care who rely on foster and kinship families to open both their hearts and homes to them in a time of crisis; and

WHEREAS, there is no greater task than to ensure all children and youth in foster care find a safe harbor in the homes of nurturing families who provide a meaningful and supporting presence in their lives; and

WHEREAS, we applaud all social workers who work tirelessly to ensure the safety of our children and who support the positive contributions made by foster and kinship caregivers; and

WHEREAS, there is a great need for more foster families of diverse backgrounds from communities all across Washington; and

WHEREAS, the state of Washington joins individuals, communities, and public-private partnerships that work to recruit more foster families to meet the needs of children in foster care; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the Seattle Mariners' partnership with the We Are Family Day event for 15 years, which recognizes and celebrates the contributions of foster families and kinship caregivers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as

Foster Care Month

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

Signed this 10th day of April, 2023

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

Governor Jay Inslee

