

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

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

**WHEREAS**, more than 800 children and youth in Washington's foster care system are legally free and waiting for an adoptive family; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington recognizes the importance of helping children in need find permanent, caring and supportive families; and

**WHEREAS**, raising public awareness of the need for adoptive parents to welcome these children is an important part of supporting these connections; and

**WHEREAS**, parents who make the life-changing choice of adopting a child make a lasting difference in a vulnerable life; and

**WHEREAS** courts and communities across Washington will celebrate Adoption Day on or around November 23, 2024;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 23, 2024, as

### *Adoption Day*

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

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024

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

Governor Jay Inslee

