

The State of Washington



Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, there are nearly 5,300 children of all ages in Washington who rely on foster and kinship families to open their hearts and homes to them; and

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

WHEREAS, we applaud all child welfare professionals who work tirelessly to ensure the safety of our children and youth and who support foster and kinship caregivers; and

WHEREAS, there is a great need for more foster families who reflect the diversity of communities across Washington; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington joins individuals, communities and public-private partners who recruit future foster families and support current foster and kinship caregivers to meet the needs of children and youth experiencing foster care; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the Seattle Mariners' 16 years of partnership through the We Are Family Day event that 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 2024 as

Foster Care Month

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

Signed this 19th day of April, 2024

Handwritten signature of Jay Inslee in blue ink.

Governor Jay Inslee

