

The State of Washington



Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, nearly 1,000 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

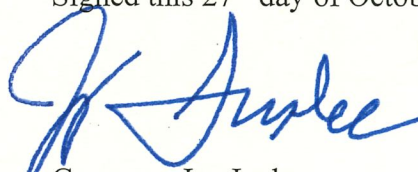
WHEREAS courts and communities across Washington will celebrate Adoption Day on or around November 17, 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2023, as

Adoption Day

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

Signed this 27th day of October, 2023


Governor Jay Inslee

