

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, families are central to the well-being of our communities, state and nation and children are the future of society; and

WHEREAS, the care, nurturing and protection of children have been traditionally the responsibility of biological parents with support from other family members and the community; and

WHEREAS, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins and other kin, are stepping forward in ever-increasing numbers to assume fulltime parental responsibility for children whose parents are unable or unwilling to nurture, protect and appropriately parent their children; and

WHEREAS, these relative headed families face enormous personal day-to-day living challenges as they focus on insuring the children in their care experience structure, accountability, encouragement, affection, safety and age appropriate expectations; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this commitment, the home provided for many of these children becomes their 'forever' home and their relatives become moms and dads in the truest sense; and

WHEREAS, the significant care and nurturing of these children by their relatives deserves to be recognized;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 18, 2016 as

Kinship Caregiver Day

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

Signed this 18th day of February, 2016




Governor Jay Inslee