

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, all children need financial and family support to grow and thrive; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have their basic needs met; and

WHEREAS, the children of Washington state remain our greatest hope for the future; and

WHEREAS, Washington is blessed with an innovative child support program recognized as a leader in program performance and for developing new programs that comprehensively help parents address barriers to supporting their children; and

WHEREAS, that innovative approach and programs such as Alternative Solutions established by the Division of Child Support and the Employment Pipeline established by the Economic Services Administration have resulted in a menu of services to overcome barriers, secure stable employment and transform lives; and

WHEREAS, child support collections in Washington totaled \$682 million in state fiscal year 2014, and the services of the Division of Child Support touched the lives of one in 10 residents of Washington; and

WHEREAS, stable family incomes provide benefits to the children of those families and the communities where they live well into their adult lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim August 2015 as

Child Support Awareness Month

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance and to recognize the important role parents, employers, and community resources have in the collection of child support for Washington's children.



Signed this 26th day of July, 2015

Handwritten signature of Jay Inslee in blue ink.

Governor Jay Inslee