

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, a strong, effective system of free public school education for all children and youth is essential to our democratic system of government; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States has made considerable progress in the social, technological, and scientific fields due to our system of free and universal public education; and

**WHEREAS**, much of this progress can be attributed to the qualified and dedicated teachers entrusted with the educational development of our children; and

**WHEREAS**, teachers provide opportunities for students to connect with the world around them, develop basic skills for success in life and work, and experience the realization of high expectations and the fulfillment of steps toward achievable goals; and

**WHEREAS**, teachers should be accorded high public esteem, reflecting the value placed on their skills and abilities and the importance of public education; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate that teachers be recognized for their dedication and commitment to educating their students;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 4-8, 2020, as

### *Teacher Appreciation Week*

and May 5, 2020, as

### *Teacher Appreciation Day*

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

Signed 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020

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

Governor Jay Inslee

