

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

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

**WHEREAS**, more than 1,800 children and youth in Washington are legally free and waiting for a family to call theirs forever; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington recognizes the importance of finding a permanent and caring family for every child in need and supporting the families who care for them; and

**WHEREAS**, raising public awareness of the need for more adoptive parents is a critical step in moving our longest-waiting children from foster care into adoptive families; and

**WHEREAS**, giving a child a strong foundation – a home, family to love, and safe place to grow – is one of life's greatest and most generous gifts; and

**WHEREAS**, families who choose the life-changing path of adoption make a meaningful and lasting difference in the lives of some of the most vulnerable children and youth in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, courts and communities across Washington will celebrate the 15th Annual Adoption Day on or around November 22, 2019;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 22, 2019, as

### *Adoption Day*

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

Signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2019

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

Governor Jay Inslee

