

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, every student in Washington should have access to an effective education;  
and

**WHEREAS**, citizens across Washington agree that continuing to improve the quality of education is an issue of importance to our state's leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington recognizes the essential role that an effective and accountable system of education plays in preparing all children to be successful adults; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington has many different types of public and nonpublic schools, as well as families who educate their children in the home; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington has many high-quality, dedicated teaching professionals in all types of education environments; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important for parents in Washington to explore and identify the best education options available to their children; and

**WHEREAS**, research demonstrates that providing children with multiple education options improves academic performance; and

**WHEREAS**, School Choice Week is a national celebration recognized by millions of students, parents, educators, schools, and community leaders, for the purpose of raising public awareness of the importance of effective education options for children;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim January 22-28, 2017 as

### *Washington School Choice Week*

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

Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017

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

Governor Jay Inslee

