

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the amount of time our children spend in front of screens is an increasing concern; and

**WHEREAS**, children need our help, attention, and support in learning how to navigate the internet safely; and

**WHEREAS**, our children's understanding of digital citizenship—how to communicate online with others in a respectful and responsible manner—has never been more important; and

**WHEREAS**, our young people's ability to find and evaluate credible and reliable sources, spot stereotypes, and develop strategies to distinguish facts from misinformation and disinformation is critical to their education; and

**WHEREAS**, the importance of teaching our children to recognize how media messages and images are constructed and for what purposes they are used has now become imperative; and

**WHEREAS**, we as parents, teachers, and community members need a time to reflect on the ways that we are preparing our children to participate in this media-driven environment; and

**WHEREAS**, media literacy education benefits students at all levels during their school years, and prepares them for the future as voters and informed citizens;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 5–9, 2018 as

### *Media Literacy Education Week*

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

Signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018

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

Governor Jay Inslee

