

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros (Children's Day/Book Day) is a national initiative founded in 1996 to celebrate children and emphasize the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds, and 2021 marks the 25th anniversary of this initiative; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate and honor all children of Washington state and invest in their potential and well-being; and

WHEREAS, literacy is the foundation of success and essential to a child's growth in education and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, through books with diverse characters, children can see themselves reflected and affirmed, and develop empathy and understanding for others; and

WHEREAS, Libraries and schools across Washington convey the importance and joy of reading through literacy activities such as story times, book groups, Summer Reading, and celebrations of Children's Day/Book Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2021, as

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in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to share the joy of reading together.

Signed this 7th day of April, 2021

Governor Jay Inslee

