

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, workplaces that welcome the talents of all people, including people with disabilities, are a critical part of our efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy; and

**WHEREAS**, all employers, both public and private, need to be aware of and utilize the employment skills of our disabled citizens by recognizing their worth as individuals and their productive capacities; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington, through the Department of Services for the Blind and other public agencies, and with the cooperative assistance of numerous civic and nonprofit groups, can look forward to a continued expansion of employment opportunities for the greater acceptance of disabled persons in the competitive labor market; and

**WHEREAS**, Disability Employment Awareness Month offers an opportunity for employers, schools, and community organizations in Washington to raise awareness about disability employment issues, celebrate the many and varied contributions of people with disabilities, and affirm Washington State's commitment to an inclusive community;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October, 2017, as

### *Disability Employment Awareness Month*

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in recognizing the value and talent that people with disabilities add to our workplaces and communities.



Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017

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

Governor Jay Inslee