

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, children and youth learn best when they are healthy, supported, and receive an education that enables them to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally; and

**WHEREAS**, schools ensure that students are able to learn when they meet the needs of the whole child and provide integrated, multi-tiered supports; and

**WHEREAS**, children's mental health is directly linked to their learning and development, and the learning environment provides an optimal context to promote good mental health through connectedness within the school and community; and

**WHEREAS**, sound psychological principles are integral to instruction and learning, social and emotional development, prevention, early intervention, school safety, and culturally-diverse student populations; and

**WHEREAS**, school psychology has over 60 years of well-established, widely-recognized, and highly-effective practice and standards clearly articulated in the National Association of School Psychologists' Model for Comprehensive and Integrated School Psychological Services; and

**WHEREAS**, school psychologists are specially trained to foster and deliver a continuum of mental health services and academic supports that lower barriers to teaching and learning; and

**WHEREAS**, school psychologists help children thrive by nurturing their individual strengths in personal and academic endeavors; and

**WHEREAS**, school psychologists are trained to assess student and school-based barriers to learning as well as individual strengths, utilize data-based decision-making, implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies, evaluate outcomes, and improve accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, school psychologists play a vital role in the personal and academic development of our state's children;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 13-17, 2017, to be

### *School Psychology Awareness Week*

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

Signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017

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

Governor Jay Inslee

