

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the mission of Washington's public school system is to assure that all students achieve at high levels and possess the knowledge and skills to be responsible citizens of a democratic society and enjoy productive and satisfying lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington's 295 locally-elected school boards and nine (9) elected educational service district boards are the core of the public education governance system in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, the districts and regions they lead serve more than one million students, have a combined annual budget of approximately \$15 billion, and employ close to 120,000 people; and

**WHEREAS**, school directors play a crucial role in promoting student learning and achievement by creating a vision, establishing policies and budgets, and setting clear standards of accountability for all involved; and

**WHEREAS**, school directors are directly accountable to the citizens in their districts and regions, serving as a vital link between members of the community and their schools; and

**WHEREAS**, school directors and educational service districts provide a passionate voice of advocacy for public schools and the welfare of school children; and

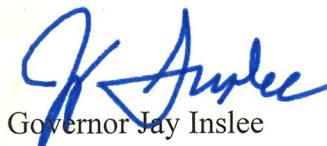
**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to recognize school directors as outstanding volunteers and champions for public education;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim January 2018 as

### ***School Board Recognition Month***

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

Signed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017

  
Governor Jay Inslee

