

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, we celebrate 45 years of providing education, supports and services to infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities and their families through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); and

WHEREAS, Washington led the way for the nation with HB90, Education for All, in 1971 that started public education as we know it today; and

WHEREAS, the IDEA is a law that makes available a free appropriate public education to eligible children with disabilities throughout the nation and ensures special education and related services to those children; and

WHEREAS, an inclusive education benefits both students with and without disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Infants and toddlers, birth through age 2, with disabilities and their families receive early intervention services under IDEA Part C. Children and youth ages 3 through 21 receive special education and related services under IDEA Part B;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim the week of March 22, 2021, as

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Day

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

Signed this 15th day of March, 2021

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

Governor Jay Inslee

