

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, all children deserve to grow up in a safe and nurturing environment to ensure they reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, safe and healthy childhoods help produce confident and successful adults; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect often occur when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and do not know how to cope; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure every family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, no one person can do everything, but everyone can do something, and together, we can create change for the better; and

WHEREAS, dialing the Department of Children, Youth & Families' (DCYF) toll-free number for reporting child neglect and abuse (1-866-ENDHARM) makes it easier to protect the vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, wearing or displaying a pinwheel in April will serve as a positive reminder that together, we can prevent child abuse and keep children safe;

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

Child Abuse Prevention Month

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in protecting and nurturing our children.



Signed this 29th day of March, 2021

Governor Jay Inslee