The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the young people of Washington are our state's most precious resource and hope for the future; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 700 young people in Washington's juvenile rehabilitation system of care who rely on a dedicated network of facility staff, counselors, education teams, parole counselors, community program partners, career advisors, psychologists, mentors, and volunteers to open their hearts and provide individualized care, support, and guidance to them in a time of crisis; and

WHEREAS, ensuring all Washington's justice-involved youth find a safe harbor in facilities with nurturing adults who provide a meaningful and supportive presence in their lives is vital and rewarding work; and

WHEREAS, we applaud all juvenile rehabilitation staff who work tirelessly to ensure the safety of our young people and who support the positive contributions made by community partners, volunteers, and advocates; and

WHEREAS, in communities across Washington, more juvenile rehabilitation staff and community partners from diverse backgrounds are needed; and

WHEREAS, the state of Washington joins individuals, communities, and public-private partnerships to provide therapeutic and trauma-informed environments to meet the needs of young people in juvenile rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the month of July as an opportunity to celebrate the important and vital work of current juvenile rehabilitation staff and community partners and support the recruitment of future employees, advocates, and program partners;

NOW, *THEREFORE*, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim July 2022 as

Juvenile Rehabilitation Staff & Community Partner Appreciation Month

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

Signed this 29th day of June, 2022

Governor Jay Inslee