

# 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 not knowing 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 Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families' (DCYF) toll-free number 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 2024 as

### *Child Abuse Prevention Month*

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

Signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024

Governor Jay Inslee

