

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the strength of many American families is currently being challenged by outside pressure and lack of resources; and

WHEREAS, dysfunctional families take a toll not only on their own members, but also on society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the traditional goal of the social work profession is to enable all individuals to lead the most productive, satisfying, and independent lives possible; and

WHEREAS, good mental health and well-being are essential for children to learn and grow to become successful, well-adjusted adults; and

WHEREAS, school social workers provide help to at-risk students so that they may succeed in the classroom and conquer problems in their everyday lives, and

WHEREAS, school social workers assist entire families by providing crisis intervention and referral for those in need; and

WHEREAS, social problems such as delinquency, suicide, drug and alcohol addiction, and school-related failure are of concern to all; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we recognize the important role of social workers in the lives of children in our schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 2-8, 2014 as

School Social Workers Week

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

Signed this 20th day of February, 2014

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

Governor Jay Inslee

