

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Washington is committed to providing a quality education for all students, helping them to achieve their highest potential; and

WHEREAS, the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federally-funded program designed to increase the number of students who stay in school and succeed in postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, GEAR UP focuses on students from low-income and underserved communities who might be the first person in their family to go to college; and

WHEREAS, Washington GEAR UP serves over 32,000 students in grades six through twelve, and has enabled thousands of students to achieve the dream of going to college as a result of GEAR UP grants awarded since 1999;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 19 – 23, 2016, as

GEAR UP Week

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



Signed this 9th day of September, 2016

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

Governor Jay Inslee