

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, on each school day in Washington State, more than 10,800 school buses provide more than 810,000 student trips with transportation between home and school – safely traveling more than 97 million miles; and

**WHEREAS**, school bus drivers must complete initial and annual training, and provide the highest standard of care for the students they transport; and

**WHEREAS**, the school bus inspection program ensures the safety of school buses and exemplifies outstanding interagency cooperation between school districts and the Commercial Vehicle Division of the Washington State Patrol; and

**WHEREAS**, school bus driver instructors, shop personnel, supervisors, and support staff perform vital functions in assuring the safe operation of the student transportation system; and

**WHEREAS**, ensuring motorists adhere to the rules of the road around school buses during the loading and unloading of students is critical to maintaining safe conditions;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 18-22, 2021, as

### *School Bus Safety Week*

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



Signed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021

Handwritten signature of Jay Inslee in blue ink.

Governor Jay Inslee