

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, on each school day in Washington state, more than 10,300 school buses provide over 680,000 students with transportation between home and school — safely traveling more than 50 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 16-23, 2023, as

### *School Bus Safety Week*

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

Signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023

  
Governor Jay Inslee

