WHEREAS, on each school day in Washington State, more than 10,600 school buses provide more than 820,000 student trips with transportation between home and school – safely traveling more than 500,000 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 22-26, 2018, as

School Bus Safety Week

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

Signed this 11th day of September, 2018

Governor Jay Inslee