WHEREAS, on each school day in Washington state, more than 10,800 school buses provide more than 650,000 student trips 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 that motorists adhere to the rules of the road around school buses during student loading and unloading is critical to maintaining safe conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 16-22, 2022, as

School Bus Safety Week

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

Signed this 10th day of August, 2022

Governor Jay Inslee