

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, preventing workplace injury is a priority in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, having a job can be a valuable part of a teen's learning and development;  
and

**WHEREAS**, we must promote not just job opportunities, but safe and healthy jobs for youth; and

**WHEREAS**, employers, parents, and teens all play a role in the safety of teens at work: Employers by providing more training for their jobs and about being safe, and parents by encouraging teens to ask about their jobs and necessary training; and

**WHEREAS**, many teens may not know about parent and school approvals that must be signed, or about potential hazards on their jobs, or of the labor laws designed to protect them in the workplace; and

**WHEREAS**, employers, parents, and youth all play an important role in finding and correcting workplace hazards, which injured 746 young adults in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries promotes teen safety through its "Injured Young Workers Speakers Program," which features speakers who were seriously injured on the job as young adults; and

**WHEREAS**, the public can find more information about hiring youth and youth workplace safety at [www.Lni.wa.gov/Teenworkers](http://www.Lni.wa.gov/Teenworkers);

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as

### *Safe Jobs for Youth Month*

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

Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019

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

Governor Jay Inslee

