

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, preventing workplace injury is always the goal in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, teens at work are twice as likely to be injured as adults; and

WHEREAS, many teens in Washington will start jobs this summer unaware of labor laws designed to protect them from potential on-the-job hazards; and

WHEREAS, parents, employers, and teens all play a role in creating safer work experiences for young people through greater awareness and education that addresses any health and safety hazards that may exist, including parents asking their teens about the type of work they are doing, the safety training they receive, and the hours their teens are working; employers following the rules for hiring teens, including minor work permits and permissions from parents and others; and youth asking about training and taking responsibility for pointing out and reporting safety hazards; and

WHEREAS, the public can find more information about hiring youth for jobs in agriculture and retail settings at www.lni.wa.gov/teenworkers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May, 2017 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 10th day of May, 2017

Handwritten signature of Jay Inslee in blue ink.

Governor Jay Inslee

