

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, home health and safety hazards – including physical safety hazards, lead-based paint, radon, mold, pests, and allergens – cause or contribute to a wide range of illnesses and diseases, including lead poisoning, asthma, cancer, and injuries; and

WHEREAS, many families and households in Washington are unaware that their homes can pose serious health hazards; and

WHEREAS, home environment risks in Washington led to 164,000 emergency room visits by children and adults for asthma each year; and

WHEREAS, lead poisoning affects thousands of children under six in Washington; and

WHEREAS, accidents in the home hurt thousands of families in Washington every year; and

WHEREAS, dozens of people in Washington State die from carbon monoxide poisoning every year; and

WHEREAS, education and awareness about the dangers of unhealthy or unsafe housing can save the lives of our friends, family, and neighbors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim June, 2017 as

Healthy Homes Month

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to observe this month with programs and activities designed to enhance public awareness of home health and safety hazards.



Signed this 25th day of May, 2017

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

Governor Jay Inslee