

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the field of computer science and computing technology reimagines how people interact with each other and the world around them, and is transforming industries, creating new fields of commerce, driving innovation in science, and bolstering productivity in established economic sectors; and

WHEREAS, the outlook for family-wage jobs in computer science is bright, one in every two STEM jobs in the country is in computing occupations; and

WHEREAS, giving students the chance to participate in computer science activities exposes them to the opportunities the field offers and provides critical thinking skills that will serve them throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, all students deserve access to the qualified educators, technology, and age-appropriate curriculum needed to learn computer science at the elementary and secondary levels of education; and

WHEREAS, computer science education faces many challenges, including counting computer science courses towards high school graduation and providing professional development for computer science teachers, and schools, teachers, researchers, universities, business leaders and policymakers are encouraged to identify mechanisms to overcome these challenges; and

WHEREAS, the field of computer science has significant equity barriers to address and Washington must encourage opportunities, including through existing programs, for females and underrepresented minorities in all levels and branches of computer science; and

WHEREAS, Computer Science Education Week highlights the crucial role computer science plays in transforming our society, especially here in Washington State, and how computer science enables innovation and creates economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, participating in an Hour of Code during Computer Science Education Week can serve to demystify the computer science field and encourage more students to pursue studies of computer science;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim December 8-14, 2014 as

Computer Science Education Week

in Washington, and I encourage all schools and students to participate this week in the Hour of Code.

Signed this 25th day of November, 2014

Handwritten signature of Jay Inslee in blue ink.
Governor Jay Inslee