

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, more than 88,000 births occur annually in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Breastfeeding Week 2016 theme *Breastfeeding: A Key to Sustainable Development* is to inform our community of the vital role breastfeeding plays in creating an equitable and sustainable future for the coming generations; breastfeeding is a key component in protecting our environment and ensuring prosperity for both mother and baby while contributing to the reduction of poverty; and

**WHEREAS**, World Breastfeeding Week 2016 calls on community partnerships for creative collaboration and engagement to establish breastfeeding as an integral piece of the Sustainable Development Goals; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting, promoting, and supporting breastfeeding fosters the wellbeing of individuals, families, and communities in the state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim August 1-7, 2016 as

### *World Breastfeeding Week*

in Washington State, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this observance.

Signed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2016

A blue ink signature of Governor Jay Inslee, written in a cursive style.

Governor Jay Inslee