

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, significant health disparities persist in Washington State, and all Washingtonians should have the opportunity to make healthy choices and enjoy good health; and

WHEREAS, the Commissions on African American, Asian Pacific American, and Hispanic Affairs work to ensure culturally and linguistically appropriate health care for the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs and the American Indian Health Commission, along with 29 federally recognized Tribes and two Urban Indian Health Organizations, advocate on behalf of American Indians and Alaska Natives in Washington to ensure access to quality and culturally appropriate health services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health has convened a Health Equity Workgroup to promote strategies, policies, and activities to eliminate persisting health inequities and disparities; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Health conducts health impact reviews to assess potential impacts of legislative and budgetary proposals on health and health disparities; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities works to reduce inequities in birth outcomes and childhood obesity to make the next generation the healthiest;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2014 as

Minority Health Month

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

Singed this 3rd day of April, 2014




Governor Jay Inslee