The State of Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the opportunity for health starts where we live, learn, work, and play and all Washingtonians should have opportunities to make choices that allow them to live happy and healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, state government has an important role in eliminating health disparities so our next generation can be the healthiest; and

WHEREAS, the Commissions on African American, Asian Pacific American, and Hispanic Affairs all work to ensure that state government provides information and services that are responsive to the diverse communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs and the American Indian Health Commission work to promote government-to-government relationships and improve healthcare access and delivery for all American Indians and Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities is celebrating its ten year anniversary with a priority to foster equity in state government as a strategy for eliminating health disparities experienced by communities of color; and

WHEREAS, my office will host a Race and Equity Summit on April 15, 2016 to have a community dialogue on policing, youth engagement, and leadership;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2016 as

Minority Health Month

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

Singed this 14th day of March, 2016

Governor Jay Inslee