

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Washington state ranks second in the nation in the concentration of STEM jobs, yet roughly 45,000 STEM jobs will go unfilled due to a lack of qualified candidates by 2017; and

WHEREAS, in Washington, the most common job is software engineer, but only 7% of Washington's public high schools offer AP computer science; and

WHEREAS, a strong STEM education sets a student on a pathway to be "future ready;" people with the technical and creative skills needed to thrive in today's job market and excel in the unknown jobs of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Washington STEM has been working for the past five years to advance excellence, equity, and innovation in STEM education; and

WHEREAS, the state has partnered with Washington STEM to increase access to computer science education, increase production of post-secondary STEM degrees, and provide additional funding to fund STEM classrooms; and

WHEREAS, there are ten regional STEM networks across the state working across business, education and community sectors to advance access to STEM education and prepare a future ready workforce;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do declare March 31, 2016 as

Washington STEM Education Day

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

Signed this 25th day of March, 2016



Governor Jay Inslee