

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the profession of Family and Consumer Sciences had its beginning as home economics in 1899 when Ellen Swallow Richards, the first female graduate and faculty member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, blazed a path using scientific knowledge to address the plight of families with regards to water quality, food safety and safety of home environments; and

WHEREAS, Family and Consumer Sciences has a long and colorful history of utilizing its unique content areas of food and nutrition, human and child development, personal and family finance, family relations, housing and interior design, textiles and apparel, and consumer issues to equip and empower individuals and families to manage the challenges of living and working in a diverse global society; and

WHEREAS, Family and Consumer Sciences professionals promote families eating and preparing meals together as a way to build strong families and improve nutrition; and

WHEREAS, Family and Consumer Sciences professionals work in careers as diverse as secondary and higher education, extension outreach, family and child agencies, consumer protection, retail/business and as entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, policy makers and the public, in general need an awareness and understanding of the relevance of Family and Consumer Sciences in addressing many of the problems that families are currently dealing with;

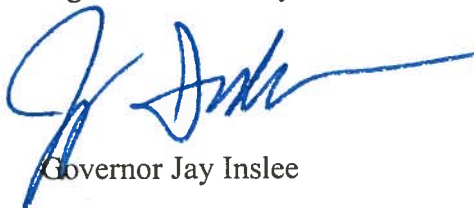
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, hereby proclaim December 3, 2015 as

Family & Consumer Sciences Day

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

Signed this 13th day of November, 2015




Governor Jay Inslee