

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, according to sources there are over 30,000 persons with dwarfism in the United States, over 650,000 worldwide, and over 200 different types of dwarfism and skeletal dysplasia; and

WHEREAS, the typical height range of persons with dwarfism is 2 feet 8 to 4 feet 5 inches, and an estimated 80 percent of persons with dwarfism have average height parents, siblings, and family members; and

WHEREAS, the term “midget” is antiquated and offensive to most people with dwarfism, the preferred terminology for someone with dwarfism is his or her given name, or if the occasion necessitates, “person with dwarfism,” “little person,” or “person of short stature.”; and

WHEREAS, persons with dwarfism are protected under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, the medical prognosis for people with dwarfism varies from condition to condition, and with the severity of that condition in each individual; the majority of persons with dwarfism enjoy average lifespans and reasonably good health; others will require surgeries or other medical interventions to address complications and maximize mobility; and

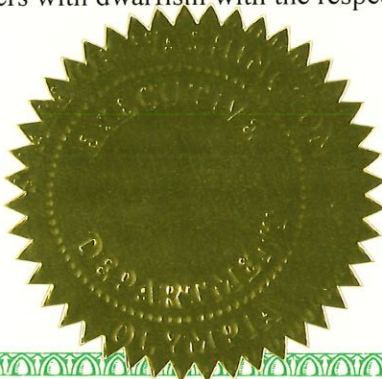
WHEREAS, persons with dwarfism are able to function as equally as average-height people, and capable of participating in sports, driving, traveling, having fulfilling careers and families, requiring simple and reasonable accommodations; and,

WHEREAS, persons with dwarfism contribute to the strength of their community’s economies by being productive members of the workforce, representing many careers and professions, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim the week of on October, 2018, as

Dwarfism Awareness and Acceptance Month

in the State of Washington and encourage all residents of our great state to join me in treating community members with dwarfism with the respect and dignity they deserve.



Signed this 8th day of October, 2018

Handwritten signature of Jay Inslee in blue ink.

Governor Jay Inslee