Proclamation

WHEREAS, more than $800 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based on census data; and

WHEREAS, an accurate census count is vital to the determining where to locate schools, child care centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other facilities, and for making decisions concerning business growth and housing needs; and

WHEREAS, census data ensures fair Congressional representation in the U.S. House of Representatives and in redistricting state legislatures, county and city councils, and school and voting districts; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census will create jobs in communities; and

WHEREAS, there are widespread concerns about the funding, questions, and preparedness of the federal census effort;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 8, 2018 as

Census 2020 Awareness Day

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

Signed this 4th day of October 2018

Governor Jay Inslee