Proclamation

WHEREAS, classified school employees are involved in nearly every aspect of education – maintaining buildings and grounds, preparing and serving meals, keeping school facilities clean and orderly, assisting in the classroom, performing and conducting research activities, providing information technology and media services, administrative support functions, safe transportation, a secure and healthy environment, and many other specialized services; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated individuals deserve recognition and thanks for the outstanding work they are doing for this state, their communities, and the students enrolled in Washington's public schools and universities; and

WHEREAS, there are nearly 50,000 classified school employees working with and helping students in Washington's universities and public schools; and

WHEREAS, classified school employees are instrumental in fulfilling the state's paramount duty to educate all students; and

WHEREAS, by supporting the learning environment, classified school employees are crucial partners with professors, teachers, parents, administrators, and school boards in our education system;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 11-15, 2013, as

Classified School Employee Week

in Washington State and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 30th day of January, 2013

Governor Jay Inslee