

SENATE RESOLUTION

8686

By Senators Zeiger, Wellman, Hunt, Nguyen, Randall, Das, Kuderer, Lias, Hawkins, Muzzall, Wagoner, Warnick, Rivers, and Saldaña

1 WHEREAS, The Washington State Senate recognize February 21, 2020,
2 as Civic Education Day; and

3 WHEREAS, Civic Education Day fortifies collaboration between
4 educators, legislators, and students statewide; and

5 WHEREAS, Civic education is provided statewide in schools by
6 instructors through curriculum that includes government, history,
7 law, and democracy; and

8 WHEREAS, Robust educational programs promote civility and
9 encourage pivotal participation in our legislative processes and
10 democratic institutions; and

11 WHEREAS, Organizations including TVW, the Secretary of State, the
12 Legislative Youth Advisory Council, the Washington World Fellows, 4-H
13 Know Your Government, the Department of Children, Youth, and
14 Families, We The People, the League of Women Voters, YMCA Youth &
15 Government, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction's
16 History Day, the State Treasurer, iCivics, the Model United Nations,
17 Boys State, Girls State, the Youth Ambassadors, the Association of
18 Washington Student Leaders, the Junior State of America, and
19 AmeriCorps are keen on making civic education a priority for
20 Washington State and its citizens; and

21 WHEREAS, The Senate exhibit dedication to civic education through
22 the Washington State Legislative Internship Program; and

1 WHEREAS, The 2020 Legislative Internship Program includes
2 students from seventeen of Washington's public and private
3 institutions, representing colleges and universities across the
4 State of Washington; and

5 WHEREAS, Participants in the Legislative Internship Program
6 and other highlighted institutions leave their programs as
7 stronger students and civically engaged citizens; and

8 WHEREAS, The Senate demonstrate responsibility to civic
9 education through the Senate Page Program and Page School; and

10 WHEREAS, Hundreds of students from across Washington State
11 have the opportunity each year to observe the legislative
12 process and other branches of state government in action as
13 pages; and

14 WHEREAS, Legislative support of educational opportunities
15 for youth and the general public is essential to civility in the
16 state; and

17 WHEREAS, The Senate celebrate Civic Education Day and honor
18 the contributions of teachers, principals, community members,
19 parents, state employees, interns, pages, and volunteers who
20 help form an educated citizenry;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That on February 21, 2020,
22 the Washington State Senate reaffirm the importance of civic
23 education and recognize the dedication of civic educators across
24 the state to serve and inform all Washingtonians; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
26 honor, thank, and celebrate the civic educators and civic
27 education organizations of our state.

28 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
29 do hereby certify that this is a true and
30 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8686,
31 adopted by the Senate
32 February 21, 2020

33 BRAD HENDRICKSON
34 Secretary of the Senate