

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Darneille, Hasegawa, Saldaña, and Lias

1        WHEREAS, The celebration of Children's Day reminds us that  
2 children deserve faith, hope, love, and commitment to their future;  
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4        WHEREAS, Since 1925, Children's Day has been celebrated worldwide  
5 to promote the welfare of and mutual understanding and togetherness  
6 between the world's children; and

7        WHEREAS, Professor and author Dr. Jess Lair wrote "Children are  
8 not things to be molded, but are people to be unfolded"; and

9        WHEREAS, The Senate recognizes that children represent the future  
10 of our state, nation, and world; and

11       WHEREAS, This body has observed Children's Day since 1995 to  
12 commemorate the special place children hold in our hearts and  
13 communities and to remind us to keep children central to our efforts;  
14 and

15       WHEREAS, Writer Richard L. Evans noted "While we try to teach our  
16 children all about life, our children teach us what life is all  
17 about"; and

18       WHEREAS, Washington state's children must be cherished and  
19 deserve a nurturing, protective environment where they are able to  
20 flourish and realize their full potential; and

21       WHEREAS, Educator Maria Montessori said "The greatest gifts we  
22 can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings  
23 of independence"; and

1        WHEREAS, The Senate recognizes that every child in Washington  
2 state deserves access to quality education, wholesome recreation,  
3 excellent health care, and safe communities; and

4        WHEREAS, Author C.S. Lewis once observed that "Children are not a  
5 distraction from more important work. They are the most important  
6 work"; and

7        WHEREAS, Children are the leaders of tomorrow, and it is our  
8 solemn obligation to instill in them the necessary values,  
9 convictions, goodwill, and fortitude so that they can continue the  
10 wonderful legacy of freedom, peace, and prosperity inherited from  
11 those who came before us; and

12      WHEREAS, Every child deserves the chance to succeed, and their  
13 future success depends on education and guidance from early childhood  
14 onward; and

15      WHEREAS, There can be no better measure of our governance than  
16 the way in which we treat our children; and

17      WHEREAS, This body recognizes that in order to thrive as a state  
18 and nation, we must empower children through policies that foster  
19 their success; and

20      WHEREAS, The Senate continues to support the goals of Children's  
21 Day and welcomes children into the Senate Chamber so they may witness  
22 the legislative process;

23      NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage all  
24 Washingtonians to celebrate children on Children's Day and throughout  
25 the year by spending more quality time with them, by emphasizing  
26 their special place in our lives, and by working together daily to  
27 strengthen the foundation upon which our children will build and  
28 sustain their future.

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