

SENATE RESOLUTION

8709

By Senators Hunt, Angel, Bailey, Baumgartner, Becker, Billig, Braun, Brown, Carlyle, Chase, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Dhingra, Ericksen, Fain, Fortunato, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Hobbs, Honeyford, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Lias, McCoy, Miloscia, Mullet, Nelson, O'Ban, Padden, Palumbo, Pedersen, Ranker, Rivers, Rolfes, Saldaña, Schoesler, Sheldon, Short, Takko, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Walsh, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, and Zeiger

1 WHEREAS, The celebration of Children's Day reminds us that
2 children deserve faith, hope, love, and commitment to their future;
3 and

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 "Free the child's
22 potential, and you will transform him into the world"; and

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

4 WHEREAS, Author C.S. Lewis once observed that "Children are
5 not a distraction from more important work. They are the most
6 important 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
10 the wonderful legacy of freedom, peace, and prosperity inherited
11 from those who came before us; and

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, To that end, the Washington state Department of
21 Children, Youth, & Families was created in 2017 as a
22 comprehensive agency dedicated to the safety, development, and
23 well-being of children through improving service delivery and
24 outcomes, emphasizing prevention, early childhood development,
25 and early intervention, and supporting parents, our children's
26 first teachers; and

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

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

36 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
37 do hereby certify that this is a true and

1 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8709,
2 adopted by the Senate
3 February 19, 2018

4 BRAD HENDRICKSON
5 Secretary of the Senate