

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4607, by Representative Kloba

1 WHEREAS, On the 28th of January, Washingtonians join the nation  
2 and over 50 countries in commemorating a day to promote awareness of  
3 data privacy and data protection practices; and

4 WHEREAS, Today, nearly everything in our modern world is accessed  
5 online; and

6 WHEREAS, Not only do we use the internet to inform and entertain,  
7 we rely on the internet to access education, the marketplace,  
8 government services, our jobs, and telemedicine; and

9 WHEREAS, Preserved in the Washington State Constitution in Article  
10 I section 7, privacy is stated to be a foundational right of  
11 individuals; and

12 WHEREAS, Many people do not understand the ways in which their  
13 private activities on their computers, phones, and connected devices  
14 generate data that is being used and stored digitally, with or  
15 without their knowledge; and

16 WHEREAS, Vast amounts of data about consumers are harvested daily  
17 around the globe, and with the collection and processing of this data  
18 comes great responsibility; and

19 WHEREAS, Public agencies in Washington state are accountable for  
20 the responsible care and protection of private personal information  
21 that they collect and process; and implementing principles such as  
22 lawful use, purpose limitation and data minimization to best protect  
23 the privacy of Washingtonians; and

1       WHEREAS, Washington, along with many other states have passed, and  
2 continue to work on private sector protections for consumers personal  
3 information; and

4       WHEREAS, There remains a need for meaningful protections in law  
5 that can be enforced; and

6       WHEREAS, The protection of personal data is a responsibility  
7 shared by individuals, governments, industry, and civil society; and

8       WHEREAS, Governor Jay Inslee has proclaimed January 28th as Data  
9 Privacy Day in Washington state;

10       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives  
11 recognize that the digital privacy of the people of Washington needs  
12 to be preserved and protected; and

13       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives join in  
14 commemorating a day to promote data privacy that will encourage  
15 Washingtonians to be aware of and take steps to protect their privacy  
16 interests and personal information.

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