

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senator Hunt

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

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

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

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