

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4609, by Representative Kloba

1 WHEREAS, Data privacy is critical to safeguard personal
2 integrity, promote trust in digital interactions, and uphold the
3 fundamental rights of individuals in an increasingly data-driven
4 world; and

5 WHEREAS, Vast amounts of data about consumers are harvested daily
6 around the globe, and with the collection and processing of this data
7 comes great responsibility; and

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

12 WHEREAS, Across the world, 50 countries observe Data Privacy Day
13 to draw attention to best practices and innovative discussions that
14 promote individual control over personally identifiable information,
15 responsible privacy practices, and compliance with privacy laws and
16 regulations; and

17 WHEREAS, The Council of Europe first recognized Data Privacy Day
18 in 2007, and the U.S. Congress followed suit in 2009; and

19 WHEREAS, Data Privacy Day is recognized as an educational
20 initiative focused on raising awareness among businesses,
21 governments, and individuals about the importance of respecting
22 individual privacy and protecting personal information; and

1 WHEREAS, The pervasive use of data collection and generating
2 technologies in our homes, in our everyday activities, in schools,
3 and in our workplaces give rise to the potential compromise of
4 personal privacy if appropriate care is not taken to protect personal
5 information; and

6 WHEREAS, The growth of Generative AI technologies and the
7 potential risks of their expanded use raises the importance of
8 privacy as more data is needed to train, build, and maintain new AI
9 foundational models; and

10 WHEREAS, Data Privacy Day's celebrations offer opportunities for
11 collaboration among governments, industry, academia, nonprofits,
12 privacy professionals, and educators; and

13 WHEREAS, The recognition of Data Privacy Day encourages
14 Washingtonians to become aware of personal information privacy
15 concerns, to take steps to protect the privacy of their own data, and
16 advocate for better data privacy protections;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
18 of Representatives recognize Data Privacy Day on January 28th, as
19 established by the United States House of Representatives, to
20 highlight the importance of data privacy and data protection and
21 raise awareness of and promote privacy and data protection best
22 practices.

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24 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
25 Resolution 4609 adopted by the House of Representatives
26 January 28, 2025

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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk