

SENATE RESOLUTION

8615

By Senator Riccelli

1 WHEREAS, We welcome the children of Washington to the state
2 Senate today, including the middle and high school students serving
3 as pages, and we celebrate their curiosity, insight, and potential as
4 they engage with the democratic process; and

5 WHEREAS, The children of Washington are the heart of our
6 communities and the architects of our shared future, reminding us
7 that the strength of our democracy lies in their ability to dream,
8 question, and lead with courage; and

9 WHEREAS, Children navigate a world of diverse cultures,
10 languages, and perspectives, embracing each new experience with open
11 hearts, and in doing so, they teach us the power of empathy,
12 resilience, and collaboration; and

13 WHEREAS, The foundation of a just and prosperous society rests in
14 our collective commitment to ensuring that every child has access to
15 the resources they need to thrive, healthy food, safe shelter,
16 quality education, and unwavering support; and

17 WHEREAS, We recognize children are not only the future but also
18 the present, and we must actively listen to and uplift their voices
19 in shaping policies that affect their lives, knowing that their
20 insights and aspirations enrich the decisions we make today; and

21 WHEREAS, Author Toni Morrison reminds us, "if you want to fly,
22 you have to give up the things that weigh you down," and as a
23 society, we must remove the barriers that hinder children's growth,

1 replacing them with opportunities for joy, creativity, and self-
2 determination; and

3 WHEREAS, It is our shared responsibility, as families,
4 educators, mentors, and leaders, to instill in our children the
5 values of justice, kindness, and perseverance, equipping them
6 with the tools they need to build a future that is more
7 inclusive, equitable, and hopeful; and

8 WHEREAS, In honoring children's day, we reaffirm our
9 dedication to creating a world where every young person feels
10 seen, heard, and empowered to shape their own journey;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington state
12 Senate celebrate all children and continue to engage with young
13 voices and commit to fostering an environment where children's
14 dreams are not only encouraged but realized.

15 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,
16 do hereby certify that this is a true and
17 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8615,
18 adopted by the Senate
19 February 17, 2025

20 SARAH BANNISTER
21 Secretary of the Senate