

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federally-funded program designed to increase the number of students who stay in school and succeed in postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, GEAR UP focuses on students from low income and underserved communities who might be the first person in their family to go to college; and

WHEREAS, Washington GEAR UP serves over 35,000 students in grades six through twelve, and has enabled thousands of students to achieve the dream of going to college as a result of GEAR UP grants awarded since 1999; and

WHEREAS, Washington is committed to providing a quality education for all students, helping them to achieve their highest potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 23 – 27, 2013 as

GEAR UP Week

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 12th day of September, 2013

Handwritten signature of Governor Jay Inslee in blue ink.

Governor Jay Inslee