

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, correct use of medications can control chronic illness, prevent deaths, improve patients' lives, and reduce health care costs; and

WHEREAS, incorrect use of medication can result in prolonged illness, avoidable side effects, drug interactions, and contributed to more than 9 million hospitalizations per year; and

WHEREAS, national and state healthcare organizations are uniting to increase public awareness of proper medication use to assist patients in achieving optimal therapeutic outcomes; and

WHEREAS, health care providers, including pharmacists, nurse practitioners, physicians, and all prescribing practitioners are devoted to improving patients' quality of life through appropriate medication use in all healthcare settings; and

WHEREAS, increased communication between patients and the healthcare team improve safe and effective care, thereby reducing unnecessary costs; and

WHEREAS, all Washington residents should be involved in their healthcare by carrying a current medication list, complete with all their prescription and over the counter medications, to assist with their care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 8-14, 2015 as

Patient Medication Safety Awareness Week

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

Signed this 24th day of February, 2015



Governor Jay Inslee