Proclamation

WHEREAS, the management of public records, information and data is critical to every government agency for effective and efficient operations and in support of an open and transparent government; and

WHEREAS, technologies for creating and storing records, information and data continue to expand the amounts of information that can be created and acquired; and

WHEREAS, control and governance of records, information and data is necessary for the reduction of risk, liability and associated costs as well for compliance with global standards and practices; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Washington recognize the important role and services provided by the records and information professionals in order to protect, safeguard and make accessible public records;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2016 as

Records and Information Management Month

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

Signed this 26\textsuperscript{th} day of January, 2016

Governor Jay Inslee