

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, established by the original circle of nine friends in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1946, The Links, Incorporated (The Links) celebrates nearly 70 years as a premier international women's volunteer service organization with a membership composed of almost 14,000 professional women of color in 284 chapters located in 41 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas; and

WHEREAS, the Tacoma (WA) Chapter of The Links, chartered in 1966, has uplifted the greater Pierce County community through its commitment to enrich, sustain, and ensure the cultural and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry in greater Pierce County; and

WHEREAS, the programmatic work of the Tacoma (WA) Chapter of The Links includes services to youth, the arts, national trends and services, international trends and services, and health and human services, such as promoting academic excellence, including Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM); providing learning experiences and career preparation; raising awareness regarding organ and bone marrow donation needs; launching a social media campaign to stop EBOLA; promoting infection control in Africa by distributing freshwater backpacks to villages; and providing visual and performing arts enrichment activities; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Tacoma (WA) Chapter of The Links have contributed over 50,000 service hours in the community, and, in the last 13 years, have awarded 200 scholarships totaling \$175,000, paving the way for many youth to pursue and achieve their academic goals, graduate, and become contributing members of society; and

WHEREAS, the greater Pierce County community has benefitted from the efforts of the Tacoma (WA) Chapter of The Links and their community partners and supporters;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 23, 2016 as

Tacoma (WA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated Day

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



Signed this 28th day of September, 2016

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee