

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, education support professionals are involved in nearly every aspect of education, including maintaining buildings and grounds, preparing and serving meals and keeping school facilities clean and orderly; and

**WHEREAS**, education support professionals assist in the classroom and provide instructional hours to students with special education needs and those learning English as a second language; and

**WHEREAS**; education support professionals provide administrative support functions, safe transportation, a secure and healthy environment, and many other specialized services; and

**WHEREAS**, these dedicated individuals deserve recognition and thanks for the outstanding work they do for this state, their communities and the students enrolled in Washington's public schools and universities; and

**WHEREAS**, there are at least 70,000 education support professionals helping students in Washington's public schools and universities; and

**WHEREAS**, education support professionals are instrumental in fulfilling the state's responsibility to educate all students; and

**WHEREAS**, by supporting the learning environment, education support professionals are crucial partners with teachers, parents, administrators, and school boards;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Ferguson, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 9-13, 2026, as

### *Education Support Professionals Week*

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

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026

Governor Bob Ferguson

