WHEREAS, a post-high school credential has never been more essential to securing a living-wage job; and

WHEREAS, June 23, 2022, marks the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 by President Richard Nixon; and

WHEREAS, the Pell Grant program has helped more than 80 million American students access higher education; and

WHEREAS, Pell Grants mean that thousands of students can step onto a proven pathway to achieve their dreams, opening doors for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, Pell Grants are an investment in the future of our nation and an effective and proven way to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty; and

WHEREAS, Pell Grants annually make college and career programs possible for nearly 90,000 Washington students from low-income backgrounds and those who are the first in their families to pursue education beyond high school;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim June 19-25 as

Pell Grant Celebration Week

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

Signed this 22nd day of June, 2022

Governor Jay Inslee