WHEREAS, the Washington State Interagency Committee of State Employed Women, the Health Care Authority, the Department of Health, and the Department of Labor & Industries have joined together to celebrate and encourage women to take responsibility for their own health through greater knowledge and understanding; and

WHEREAS, National Women's Health Week celebrates the extraordinary progress in women's health and recognizes that more needs to be done to safeguard the health of women for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, National Women's Health Week celebrates the efforts of national and community organizations working with partners, volunteers, and social, health, and other service providers to improve awareness of key women's health issues; and

WHEREAS, women can promote good health and prevent disease and illness by taking simple steps to improve their physical, mental, social, and spiritual health; and

WHEREAS, women's health remains a priority for families, communities, and government, and our commitment to keeping women healthy is stronger than ever;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 14-20, 2017, as Women's Health Week

and May 23, 2017, as

Women's Health Day

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to promote and improve the health of women and to increase awareness and understanding of women's health issues.

Signed this 8th day of March, 2017

Governor Jay Inslee