The State of Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, every year nearly 56,000 Washingtonians are hospitalized with sepsis, the body's life-threatening response to infection that can result in organ failure, amputation and death; and

WHEREAS, sepsis kills more Americans than prostate cancer, breast cancer and opioid overdoses combined; sepsis is the most expensive cause of hospitalization in the United States (U.S.); and

WHEREAS, sepsis can be treated with immediate diagnosis and care, but must be recognized and treated as a medical emergency; and

WHEREAS, September has been nationally recognized as Sepsis Awareness Month by Sepsis Alliance to bring awareness to the serious and potentially fatal medical condition known as sepsis; and

WHEREAS, despite the severe danger and widespread occurrence of this illness, a survey conducted by Sepsis Alliance found that only 12 percent of U.S. adults know the symptoms of sepsis and 35 percent of U.S. adults have never heard of sepsis; and

WHEREAS, recognition of Sepsis Awareness Month will assist in raising awareness on this treatable condition, and educating the public about sepsis and its symptoms;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 2024, as

Sepsis Awareness Month

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

Signed this 22nd day of July, 2024

Governor Jay Inslee