

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is one of the most common serious hereditary disorders in the world and can result in life-threatening lung disease in adults and liver disease in both children and adults; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 has been identified in virtually all populations, and up to six percent of Caucasians in the U.S. carry a single deficient gene and may pass the gene on to their children; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 is widely under-diagnosed and misdiagnosed, fewer than 10 percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed, and it often takes an average of five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms appear before proper diagnosis is made, which can be done with a simple blood test; and

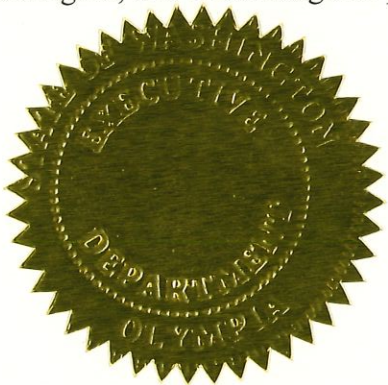
WHEREAS, it is important to increase the awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and misdiagnosed disorder; and

WHEREAS, during the month of November, a nationwide awareness campaign will take place throughout the country to educate the public and the medical community on Alpha-1 detection and treatment for those affected by this condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 2018 as

Alpha-1 Awareness Month

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



Signed this 11th day of September, 2018

Handwritten signature of Jay Inslee in blue ink.

Governor Jay Inslee