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## Greetings from the Governor

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I am pleased to extend congratulations to the board and staff of *Operation Lookout National Center for Missing Youth* on the occasion of its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They have every right to be proud of all that they have achieved in the past two decades.

Since its inception, Operation Lookout has helped bring thousands of abducted, abandoned, or lost children safely home; provided information and support to anxious family members; and helped facilitate positive reunions with loved ones. Services include a toll free 24-hour helpline, victim support and reunification planning, and a database search engine for use by law enforcement officers, teachers, forensics, and families.

In such emergencies, it is critically important that photographs and biographical information be distributed as quickly, efficiently, and widely as possible. To accomplish this goal, Operation Lookout uses a variety of venues, including the worldwide web, billboard ads, and direct mail inserts. Most recently, it launched the Rigs for Kids program, which displays full color 9' by 22' photographs of missing youth on the sides of semi-trucks traveling across the country.

I commend Operation Lookout for its dedication on behalf of vulnerable boys and girls in Washington and throughout our nation. I also applaud the many individuals and groups who have helped to make this effort such a resounding success.

Please accept my best wishes for a joyful and memorable celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary Locke".

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