

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Operation Lookout National Center for Missing Youth, based in Everett, Washington, is committed to the mission of assisting victim families without charge through family casework and their international 24 hour help-line (1-800-LOOKOUT), and citizens worldwide have joined them through volunteer assistance and generous contributions; and

WHEREAS, every missing child deserves the chance to be found; and

WHEREAS, the worst nightmare for parents is not knowing whom their children are with or where they are; and

WHEREAS, Operation Lookout was founded in 1984 as a grassroots, non-profit center committed to giving every missing child the chance to be found; and

WHEREAS, Operation Lookout provides victim services and prevention program; organizes and hosts the annual International Coalition of Missing Children Investigators and Professionals Symposium; maintains its website to increase visual impact and exposure of missing children; and works to heighten awareness about abduction to collectively increase the number of found children; and

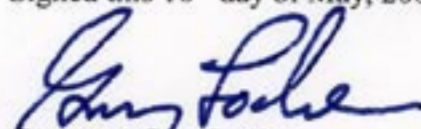
WHEREAS, May 25 is observed across Washington, the United States and Canada as a day to recognize and remember the thousands of children who vanish each year and their families who continue their searches;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Locke, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2004, as

Missing Children's Day

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 10th day of May, 2004


Governor Gary Locke

