

**12th Man Flag Raising
Flag Circle
January 8, 2014**

Thank you Governor Inslee. Being a former high school quarterback yourself, and now our head coach for state policy, this must be an exciting time for you as it is for all of us as Hawks fans. I played a little football in high school myself and am a huge Seahawks fan so I am just as excited about this as all of you are.

It's great to see such an incredible turnout this afternoon. The 12th Man flag flying at our state Capitol shows that we can come together and rally around a team that has played long and hard to get to where it is today. This flag is raised as a tribute to the team, its coaches, its staff but most importantly to incredible support of the Seahawks fans that make up the 12th man.

About this time last year we were just beginning to put together a bill to create the special license plate for the Seahawks. With the support of Governor Inslee and the Legislature, those plates went on sale just last week. I am pleased to report that as of 10:30 this morning already 3,597 have been sold. Proceeds from these plates sales go directly to benefit Washington youth. So this team effort by the Seattle Seahawks organization, the legislature and the governor is already paying big dividends. We're hoping the sales momentum continues to build as the Seahawks win their playoff games then win at MetLife Stadium on Feb. 2!

We are proud of our Seahawks, but especially proud of all of the good they do for our community in helping veterans' organizations and underprivileged and struggling youth. When the Hawks win, we all win. Go Hawks!