

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, on December 10, 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights declaring "the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family are the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world," and

WHEREAS, each year on December 10, the international community commemorates this event and recommits itself to the broader achievement of human rights and lowering barriers to full public participation; and

WHEREAS, Washington State is proud of its commitment to guarantee civil rights for all its residents with the broadest civil rights statute in the United States; and

WHEREAS, numerous state organizations including the Office of Indian Affairs; the Commissions on African-American Affairs, Asian-Pacific American Affairs, and Hispanic Affairs; the Commission on Disability Issues and Employment; the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises; the Human Rights Commission; the Task Force on Health Disparities; and others work to ensure equal rights and protections for all residents; and

WHEREAS, events celebrating Human Rights Day will take place in Seattle and Spokane;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim December 10, 2008, as

Human Rights Day

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me and dedicate themselves to furthering the goal of equity and fairness for all.

Signed this 14th day of October, 2008

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Gregoire".

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

