

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education have declared November 16-20, 2009, as International Education Week in observance of the many important contributions of international education to our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, international education includes thousands of programs, public and private, campus-based and national, that promote the sharing of ideas and experiences across borders. These include study abroad programs, citizen and scholarly exchanges, foreign students on U.S. campuses, area and foreign language studies, and global approaches to U.S. education; and

**WHEREAS**, by participating, our young people develop a greater appreciation and respect for other cultures, breaking down barriers to understanding and cooperation which are vital to peace and prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, we live in an increasingly interconnected world and improving global literacy among our citizens contributes significantly to our nation's foreign policy, economic competitiveness, and security; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to recognize the value of international education in our lives and communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 16-20, 2009, as

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

Signed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Gregoire".

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

