

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, October is National Energy Awareness Month, and October 30 is National Weatherization Day; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington State has a long-standing commitment to conserve energy resources and to help low-income households through its Weatherization Assistance Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the increasing cost of energy has a major impact on low-income families, making the Weatherization Assistance Program a vital resource to many, particularly during these difficult economic times; and

**WHEREAS**, the state has administered the Weatherization Assistance Program since its inception in 1978, providing a variety of state and federal resources through community action agencies, housing authorities, and departments of local government that serve people in every county in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to recognize the value of programs that ensure all residents, especially those living at or below the federal poverty level, have the opportunity to live in energy efficient, healthy, safe, and comfortable homes;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 30, 2011, as

### *Weatherization Day*

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

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011

*Christine O. Gregoire*

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

