

# 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

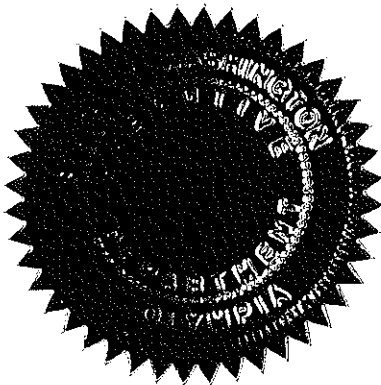
### *Weatherization Day*

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

*Chris Gregoire*

Governor Christine O. Gregoire





## The Office of the Governor Proclamation

*WHEREAS, reliable, ample and affordable energy is critical to Idaho's economic prosperity and high quality of life; and*

*WHEREAS, the production and consumption of energy affects our everyday activities and natural resources; and*

*WHEREAS, Idaho already has implemented many programs encouraging energy efficiency within State government and among its citizens, businesses, industries and local governments; and*

*WHEREAS, energy efficiency and renewable energy development can offer employment and economic opportunities while contributing to a sustainable Idaho; and*

*WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Energy has designated October as National Energy Awareness Month; and*

*WHEREAS, all Idahoans can continue to contribute to the bounty and efficiency of Idaho by becoming educated about energy conservation and enhancing energy efficiency efforts in their homes, work and recreation areas;*


*NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 2011 as*

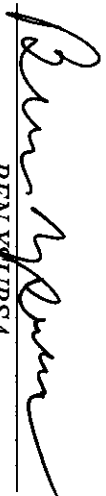
## **ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH**

*in Idaho.*



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty second.

  
C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

  
BEN YURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF OHIO  
**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, energy is at the core of Ohio's economic and environmental health; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio has long recognized the need to assist low-income families and individuals who spend a large percentage of their household income on energy bills; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Department of Development, the administrator of low-income energy assistance programs, has adopted a single application process for low-income households and has partnered with stakeholder groups, not for profit entities, for profit entities and utilities to provide more services to low-income families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Community Services administers Ohio's Home Weatherization Assistance Program and directs funding to 58 community-based organizations which serve qualifying households throughout Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio's Home Weatherization Assistance Program has weatherized more than 355,921 homes since 1977, with an average reduction of 24.7 percent in the amount of energy used to heat a home; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio's Home Weatherization Assistance Program is dedicated to improve the quality of life for low-income Ohioans by eliminating home health and safety problems; reducing home energy use and saving money in energy costs; and

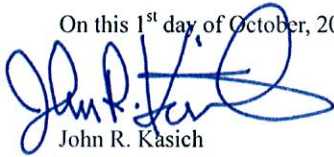
**WHEREAS**, the administration invests in programs that work for the common good and make a difference in the health and safety of all Ohioans. It is my vision to develop a comprehensive long-term approach to the stewardship of our state's natural resource.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby designate October 2011 as

**WEATHERIZATION MONTH**

throughout Ohio and urge all Ohioans to take time to complete home weatherization upgrades, resulting in lower energy bills and better energy efficiency.

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2011;

  
John R. Kasich  
Governor





STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Low- income Oregonians spend a disproportionate percentage of their annual incomes on home energy bills; and
- WHEREAS:** All Oregonians, especially those living in poverty, should have the opportunity to live in efficient, healthy, and comfortable homes; and
- WHEREAS:** The Weatherization Assistance Program, administered by Oregon Housing and Community Services in cooperation with the state's network of local service providers, weatherized over 4,700 homes during 2010, resulting in an average 22 percent savings for participants, many of whom are elderly, the disabled, and children; and
- WHEREAS:** WAP not only assists families working toward self-sufficiency, but also contributes to communities by eliminating carbon emissions, reducing dependence on foreign oil, stimulating local economies, creating jobs; and
- WHEREAS:** Reducing energy demand through conservation lowers utility rates for all Oregonians; and
- WHEREAS:** October 30, 2011 marks the national Weatherization Day as proclaimed by the US Department of Energy in recognition of the positive impacts of the Low Income Weatherization Program.

**NOW,**

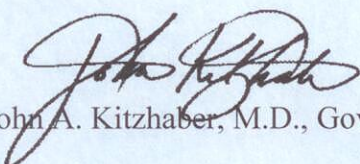
**THEREFORE:** I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **October 30, 2011** to be

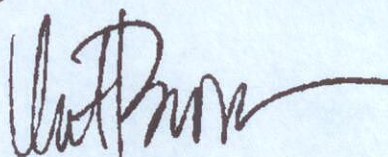
**WEATHERIZATION DAY**

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, October 17, 2011.



  
John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

  
Kate Brown, Secretary of State

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## **WEATHERIZATION DAY PROCLAMATION**

**Whereas**, the State of New Hampshire has a long-standing commitment to its communities and has long recognized the challenge of low-income families and individuals in meeting increasingly burdensome home energy needs; and

**Whereas**, the United States Department of Energy developed the Weatherization Assistance Program in 1976 as a cost-effective, permanent solution for reducing the heavy energy costs borne by low-income Americans; and

**Whereas**, this Program not only saves energy through advanced technologies to improve the energy affordability for low-income families, but also saves lives and improves the health and safety of families by identifying carbon monoxide hazards, poor indoor air quality, mold, and other health threats; and

**Whereas**, for every dollar invested in weatherizing a low-income home, \$2.51 is returned to ratepayers, households, and communities in reduced energy bills, lowered costs of programs such as fuel assistance, increased local employment, reduced uncollectible utility bills, improved housing quality, and lowered medical costs from improved health and safety; and .

**Whereas**, New Hampshire has reached its goal of weatherizing 2,600 single-family, multi-family, and mobile home dwellings and is expected to weatherize an additional 500 over the three-year period covered by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and

**Whereas**, New Hampshire's weatherization program, over the last two and a half years has trained over 160 building professionals in state-of-the-art weatherization and energy auditing techniques, and created approximately 200 new jobs

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011** as **Weatherization Day** in the State of New Hampshire and urge all citizens to join me in this observance.



# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** the Weatherization Assistance Program was created in 1976 with the mission "To reduce energy costs for low-income families, particularly for the elderly, people with disabilities, and children, by improving the energy efficiency of their homes while ensuring their health and safety."; and

**WHEREAS,** the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, in cooperation with the state's local Community Action Agencies, delivers weatherization services in the field; and

**WHEREAS,** providing long term solutions to energy issues for low-income households, the Weatherization Assistance Program enables these residents to permanently reduce home energy costs; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2009, the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity launched a partnership with the South Carolina Technical College System to create regional Energy Efficiency Training Centers whose main goal is to train a workforce for future energy efficiency projects; and

**WHEREAS,** with today's high energy costs, the 2011 observance of Weatherization Day provides an important opportunity to increase public awareness of the positive impact of weatherization on the economic wellbeing of our residents and on the conservation of our energy resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 31, 2011, as**

### **WEATHERIZATION DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of the Weatherization Assistance Program on the quality of life of the residents of the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

I, Rick Snyder, Governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim  
October 2011 as

## WEATHERIZATION MONTH

WHEREAS, the average American family spends more than \$1,300 each year on utility bills, a figure that represents 20 to 40 percent of a low-income family's earnings; and,

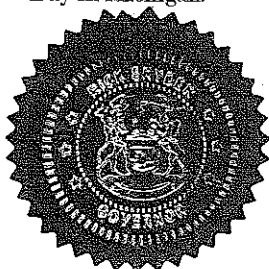
WHEREAS, Michigan's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) is a federally funded energy conservation program that benefits low-income households by providing services to reduce energy use and lower utility bills; these services include wall insulation, attic insulation and ventilation, air leakage reduction and dryer venting; and,

WHEREAS, since weatherized homes significantly reduce carbon dioxide emissions, pollution levels in Michigan have decreased by an average of approximately 3,547 tons each year for the past three years; and,

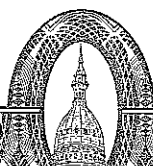
WHEREAS, established in 1977, WAP has weatherized nearly 300,000 homes throughout the state, and on average, the energy cost savings for each weatherized home is \$300 annually, allowing families to spend the money saved on groceries and other needs; and,

WHEREAS, during this month and on this day, we join with the Michigan Department of Human Services to raise awareness of the Weatherization Assistance Program in Michigan, and to encourage citizens across the state to recognize the importance of pollution reduction and energy conservation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, Governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim October 2011 as Weatherization Month and Monday, October 31, 2011 as Weatherization Day in Michigan.



Rick Snyder  
Governor





Executive Department  
State of Idaho

## The Office of the Governor Proclamation

State Capital  
Boise

WHEREAS, the Weatherization Assistance Program, the nation's largest residential energy efficiency program, was initiated in 1976 in response to the energy shortage; and

WHEREAS, the program uses advanced technologies to determine the energy conservation needs of a home, and delivers other improvements to low-income families with the purpose of providing more energy-efficient, safe and healthy homes; and

WHEREAS, the program, administered by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in cooperation with the Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho's network of local service providers, has produced energy cost reductions in more than 3,300 homes, affecting thousands of people, many of whom are elderly, the disabled, and children; and

WHEREAS, the program's local service providers consider weatherization a vital part of its overall effort to help people of low income gain energy-efficient, affordable, and safe housing, and other basic necessities that enable them to advance socially and economically; and

WHEREAS, because of its proven effectiveness and its recognized potential to do more for the common good, the program has gained the growing support of public and private interests; and

WHEREAS, it is widely agreed that it is in the best interest of our government and others in the public and private sectors to work together to support and strengthen this program that has done so much for so many in our state, for the betterment of all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 30, 2011 as

### WEATHERIZATION DAY

in Idaho.



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