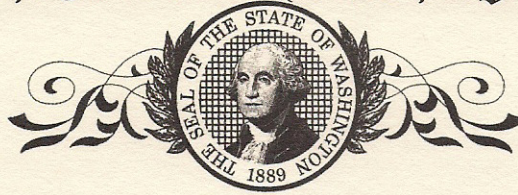


# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Public Service Recognition Week, celebrated the first Monday through Sunday in May since 1985, is time to honor the individuals who serve America as federal, state, and local government employees; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of women and men in the state of Washington serve the public in many invaluable ways, helping to make life better, and striving to meet the challenging needs of a diverse population in a rapidly changing technological environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the dedication and hard work of government employees who conduct the public's business often goes unrecognized despite the essential services they perform; and

**WHEREAS**, public employees deserve to be acknowledged for their successful efforts to improve customer service and build bridges between government and citizens;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 1-7, 2011, as

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in Washington State, and I encourage all citizens to recognize and honor public employees and the important contributions they make to this great state.

Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011

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

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

