

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, the mission of Washington's public school system is to assure that all students achieve at high levels and possess the knowledge and skills to be responsible citizens and enjoy productive and satisfying lives; and

*WHEREAS*, Washington's 295 locally elected school boards are the core of the public education governance system in our state; and

*WHEREAS*, the districts they lead serve more than one million students, have a combined annual budget of \$6 billion, and employ more than 100,000 people; and

*WHEREAS*, school directors play a crucial role in promoting student learning and achievement by creating a vision, establishing policies and budgets, and setting clear standards of accountability for all involved; and

*WHEREAS*, school directors are directly accountable to the citizens in their districts, serving as a vital link between members of the community and their schools; and

*WHEREAS*, school directors provide a passionate voice of advocacy for public schools and the welfare of school children; and

*WHEREAS*, it is appropriate to recognize school directors as outstanding volunteers and champions for public education;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim January 2012 as

### *School Board Recognition Month*

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

Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2011

*Christine Gregoire*

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

