

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, members of the Independent Colleges of Washington share a mission-driven commitment to service, stewardship, and justice in the world; and

WHEREAS, students, faculty, and staff at Independent Colleges of Washington member institutions perform thousands of hours of volunteer community service benefitting Washington residents each year; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated volunteers assist agencies and organizations in helping to achieve their goals in education, human service, mentoring, environmental cleanup and protection, literacy, veterans affairs, and other community improvements; and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of college courses include a public service component, and many students who receive a liberal arts education at one of Washington's independent colleges opt for careers in public service fields;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 2009 as

Independent Colleges of Washington Service Month

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

Signed this 21st day of September, 2009

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

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

