

# 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2009

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

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

