

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the state of Washington has a long history of leadership in protecting and promoting equal opportunity for people who have disabilities; and

WHEREAS, citizens with disabilities continue to experience unemployment and poverty at rates substantially higher than those without disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Washington State's Working Age Adult Policy recognizes that all individuals, regardless of their disability, will be afforded an opportunity to pursue competitive employment; and

WHEREAS, Washington is recognized nationally for its excellence and success in providing supported employment services to people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, employees with disabilities require assistance to ensure job success and should have access to supports necessary to succeed in the workplace;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim February 9, 2011, as

Employment For All Day

in Washington State, and I urge employers to join me in fighting perceptions keeping people living with disabilities from joining the workforce, and encourage employers to hire people with disabilities as an integral part of their workforce.

Signed this 26th day of January, 2011

Chris Gregoire
Governor Christine O. Gregoire

