

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the family is the cornerstone of our communities, state, and nation, and children are the future of society; and

WHEREAS, the care, protection, and nurturing of children has traditionally been the responsibility of biological parents, with support from other family members and the community; and

WHEREAS, grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, and siblings are stepping forward in ever-increasing numbers to assume full responsibility for children whose parents are unable or unwilling to appropriately parent; and

WHEREAS, these kin face day-to-day challenges as well as emotional, financial, and legal obstacles, often alone and without support; and

WHEREAS, they are committed to providing these children with a healthy, safe, and happy childhood; and

WHEREAS, the significant contribution of the care and nurturing of these children by their kin deserves to be recognized;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 20, 2009, as

Kinship Caregiver Day

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

Signed this 27th day February, 2009

Chris Gregoire
Governor Christine O. Gregoire

