

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, America was the home of Native American Indians for thousands of years before it became the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the traditional culture and attitude of the Native American Indian tribes and confederations helped form the history of Washington State and the entire country; and

**WHEREAS**, Native American Indians have contributed much to the growth and progress of our state, while helping to enhance Washington's heritage and cultural character; and

**WHEREAS**, Native American Indians were here to greet the first settlers, offering advice and assistance which helped them survive and prosper in the new land that would one day become Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, Native American Indians take pride in their achievements, as well as in their cherished customs, traditions, and beliefs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that all Washingtonians are aware of the significant role Native American Indians played in the history of our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2011, as

### *Native American Indian Day*

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

Signed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011

*Christine Gregoire*  
Governor Christine O. Gregoire

