

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, all children deserve to be raised in a safe and loving home; and

WHEREAS, the state of Washington recognizes the importance of foster children finding permanent and loving families through adoption; and

WHEREAS, to raise awareness of the many foster children awaiting adoption and to finalize many adoptions of children into permanent, nurturing families, courts across Washington will honor National Adoption Day on November 17; and

WHEREAS, all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, will celebrate as children become permanent members of stable and loving families, and honor those families who have opened their hearts and homes; and

WHEREAS, National Adoption Day helps build collaborations among child welfare professionals, courts and advocacy organizations, and encourages others to make a powerful difference in the life of a child through adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2012, as

Adoption Day

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

Signed this 9th day of October, 2012

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Chris Gregoire'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Governor Christine O. Gregoire