

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, humanity and the planet today face unprecedented challenges such as climate change, food and water shortages, environmental degradation, conflict, and global health issues which must be addressed through critical and creative thinking and innovative problem solving; and

**WHEREAS**, young people today have the motivation and ability to make important contributions to the creation of a sustainable world, both now and for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, sustainability education helps students learn skills, perspectives, and values that can guide and motivate them to seek sustainable livelihoods, fully participate in a democratic society, and live in a sustainable manner; and

**WHEREAS**, education and teachers play a vital role in creating a more just and sustainable world; and

**WHEREAS**, sustainability literacy is a prerequisite for participating in the emerging green economy and for engaging in critical local, regional, and global issues; and

**WHEREAS**, young people will benefit academically and personally from expanded opportunities to engage in sustainability education learning experiences;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 8-12, 2010, as

### ***Sustainability Education Week***

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

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010

*Christine O. Gregoire*

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