

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Community Foundations are organizations helping to improve the lives of people in a specific geographic area; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Foundations bring together the financial resources of individuals, families, and businesses to support effective nonprofits in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, the twenty-three Community Foundations in Washington State made more than \$74 million in grants, and are one of the fastest-growing forms of philanthropy in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Foundations make substantial contributions in areas of health care and social services, education and the arts, economic development, and environmental protection; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Foundations provide effective leadership in communities throughout Washington, often supplementing or assisting in the coordination of public programs and other private services;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 2011, as

### *Community Foundation Week*

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

Signed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011

*Christine O. Gregoire*  
Governor Christine O. Gregoire

