

The State of Washington



WHEREAS, engaging students in environmental education is an investment in maintaining Washington's exceptional quality of life for future generations; and

WHEREAS, educators and students from across the nation are taking part in National Environmental Education Week, coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation in cooperation with the Environmental Education Association of Washington; and

WHEREAS, this weeklong event brings heightened attention to Earth Day and encourages participants to think more broadly about environmental stewardship over the long-term; and

WHEREAS, the event will draw hundreds of outstanding environmental and sustainability education organizations, associations, and agencies; and

WHEREAS, efforts like this foster increased interest in the environmental sciences in K-12 classrooms and university campuses; and

WHEREAS, this event encourages schools to partner with local museums, nature centers, zoos, science centers, aquariums, and local parks to further environmental education; and

WHEREAS, National Environmental Education Week provides the professional environmental and sustainability education community an opportunity to share its accomplishments with the nation's educational leaders;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 12-18, 2009, as

Environmental Education Week

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

Signed this 8th day of April, 2009

Christine Gregoire
Governor Christine O. Gregoire

