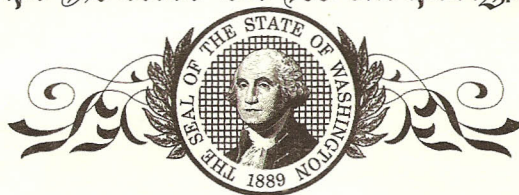


The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the majority of firefighters in Washington State are volunteers and deserve to be recognized for their willingness to provide courageous service without monetary compensation; and

WHEREAS, volunteer firefighters respond to emergencies 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, without hesitation; and

WHEREAS, when not responding to emergencies, these public servants are involved in numerous community programs; and

WHEREAS, January 2012 marks the release of the new volunteer firefighter special motor vehicle license plate; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer Firefighter Recognition Week, celebrated the second Monday through Sunday in January, honors these individuals and their selfless service to their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim January 9-15, 2012, as

Volunteer Firefighter Recognition Week

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

Signed this 8th day of December, 2011

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christine Gregoire".

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

