The State of Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, since the early days of our nation, volunteers have helped us through our greatest challenges and triumphs – patriots fighting for our founding ideals, and ordinary citizens coming to the aid of people in need; and

WHEREAS, while our nation continues on the road to economic recovery, volunteer service plays a vital role in addressing national and local challenges, and is an effective strategy to help unite communities while addressing critical unmet needs; and

WHEREAS, engaged citizens, many recruited by AmeriCorps; VISTA; Learn and Serve America; National Senior Corps participants, Citizen Corps, and the Volunteer Centers of Washington, are improving the lives of our state's most vulnerable citizens, strengthening our educational system, protecting our environment, and contributing to our public safety; and

WHEREAS, it is important to honor those who give of themselves for the betterment of their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 10-16, 2011, as

Washington Volunteer Appreciation Week

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing and supporting those who volunteer and serve.

Signed this 2nd day of March, 2011

Chris Gregoire

Governor Christine O. Gregoire