

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, arts and heritage bring people together through shared cultural experiences, introducing new ideas, preserving our history, providing educational resources, and contributing to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, arts and heritage education helps students develop critical 21st century skills and supports learning in other core subjects; and

WHEREAS, Washington State's 300 museums are institutions of learning and exploration, working to preserve artistic, historical, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Washington's arts and heritage organizations ensure vibrant and livable rural and urban communities, generating thousands of jobs and millions of dollars in annual revenue; and

WHEREAS, supporting arts and heritage establishes Washington as a leader in cultural preservation, education, creativity, and innovation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim February 1, 2012, as

Arts and Heritage Day

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

Signed this 13th day of January, 2012

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

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

