

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, homeschooling offers families the opportunity for their children to receive an education that couples high standards with a sound environment based on individual family desires; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature has recognized homeschooling as a legitimate and viable education alternative; and

WHEREAS, historically, homeschooling was one of the only means of education for many early Americans; and

WHEREAS, many notable Americans, including George Washington, Thomas Edison, Sandra Day O'Connor, Abraham Lincoln, Booker T. Washington, and Woodrow Wilson, were primarily educated at home; and

WHEREAS, Washington State recognizes homeschoolers for their continued commitment to the diversity and quality of education in our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim June 14-20, 2009, as

Homeschool Week

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

Signed this 18th day of March, 2009

Chris Gregoire

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

