

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, geology and other earth sciences are fundamental to society; and

**WHEREAS**, the earth sciences are integral to finding, developing, and conserving mineral, energy, and water resources needed for society; and

**WHEREAS**, the earth sciences provide assistance in preparing for and mitigating natural hazards such as floods, landslides, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, sinkholes, and coastal erosion; and

**WHEREAS**, the earth sciences are crucial to environmental and ecological issues ranging from water and air quality to waste disposal; and

**WHEREAS**, geological factors of resources, hazards, and environment are vital to land management and land use decisions at local, state, regional, national, and international levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the earth sciences contribute critical pieces to our understanding of nature;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 11-17, 2009, as

### ***Earth Science Week***

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

Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2009

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

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

