

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, The United States Congress issued The American Legion a Federal Charter on September 16, 1919, as a wartime veterans' service organization; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion of Washington, with nearly 37,000 members and 170 Posts, continues to serve America at the local, state and national levels; and

WHEREAS, Washington Legionnaires, along with members of the entire Legion Family, donate thousands of volunteer hours within the Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities and State Veterans' Homes across Washington; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion sponsors youth activities, such as the Constitutional Speech Contest, Evergreen Boys State, Evergreen Girls State, Boy Scouts and American Legion Baseball, and awards thousands of dollars in college scholarships to students in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Family Support Network provides assistance to deployed active and Washington Army National Guard service members and their families; and its youth programs provide over eighty thousand dollars worth of grants annually to veterans with children experiencing financial hardships; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is a staunch advocate for the National and Washington Department of Veterans Affairs' principle missions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do proclaim September 16, 2009, as

The American Legion Day

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

Signed this 10th day of September, 2009

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

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

