

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the vision and commitment of Washington State is to ensure a safe and secure Washington for the 21<sup>st</sup> century; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington has experienced natural and man-made disasters in the past, and scientific evidence indicates Washington remains vulnerable to natural and man-made disasters in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of our state need to prepare themselves to be self-sufficient for at least three days following an act of terrorism, natural, or man-made disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, state agencies and state employees should be prepared so they can continue to provide essential public services after a disaster, and support the state's disaster response and recovery mission; and

**WHEREAS**, loss of life and property from all hazards, including terrorism, can be greatly reduced if citizens have information provided over the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) Weather Radio, and understand the importance of using the NOAA Weather Radio as a personal all-hazards alert and warning system; and

**WHEREAS**, the need to prepare for severe weather events will be emphasized during *Storm Preparedness Day* on September 26, 2007. Citizens, companies, and government agencies should review their individual preparedness plans, contact information, and emergency kits; and

**WHEREAS**, the importance of practicing preparedness will be highlighted during September as the Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division, conducts a statewide *Drop, Cover, and Hold Drill* on September 19, 2007, at 10:15 am;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 2007 as

***National Preparedness Month  
and  
NOAA Weather Radio Awareness Month***

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

Signed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2007

Handwritten signature of Christine O. Gregoire in blue ink.

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

