

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the loss of life and property damage can be significantly reduced as appropriate disaster preparedness measures are taken before, during, and after a 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**, the importance of practicing preparedness will be highlighted during the month of April as the Washington Military Department, Emergency Management Division, and city and county emergency management agencies throughout the state promote the value of preparedness activity; and

**WHEREAS**, a statewide earthquake drill will occur April 22, 2009;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2009 as

### ***Disaster Preparedness Month***

in Washington State, and I encourage all citizens to increase their knowledge and awareness of proper safety measures to follow before, during, and after a natural or man-made disaster.



Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009

*Chris Gregoire*  
Governor Christine O. Gregoire