

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington has experienced natural and man-made disasters in the past, and scientific evidence indicates Washington remains vulnerable to future disasters; 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**, citizens, companies, and government agencies should review their individual preparedness plans, contact information, and emergency kits; 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 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 importance of practicing preparedness will be highlighted during September with Washington's *Take Winter by Storm*, NOAA's *Weather Radio*, and Homeland Security's *See Something, Say Something* campaigns;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 2011 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2011

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

