

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature in 1969 created a system of regional education service agencies now known as Educational Service Districts (ESDs) to support school and school district services and operations; and

WHEREAS, ESDs are known for their quality reporting, regulatory liaison, leadership and service functions; and

WHEREAS, state educational leaders have come to rely on ESDs for technical assistance in implementing new educational laws and requirements for student learning and accountability; and

WHEREAS, ESDs provide vital services tailored to the unique needs of the schools, educators, students, and communities in their region of the state; and

WHEREAS, the statewide system of ESDs creates programs for replication throughout the state and nation in areas such as early learning, professional development, student instruction, technology, safety, and administrative and financial services; and

WHEREAS, ESDs realize millions of dollars annually in savings for schools by providing valuable services through cooperatives, grants, and partnerships with schools, higher education, and public and private agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, on the 40th anniversary of their founding, do hereby recognize and honor the contributions made by Educational Service Districts to the children, schools, and communities throughout our state.

Signed this 24th day of November, 2008

Christine Gregoire

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

