

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, apprenticeship training provides Washington with highly trained workers who will help our state compete effectively in the global economy by fostering productivity in business and industry, combining employment with related training, offering lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, and providing career choices and wage progression; and

**WHEREAS**, the ever-increasing cooperation of labor and apprenticeship, education, business, and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our local and state economy; and

**WHEREAS**, registered apprenticeship is a proven training strategy with related classroom instruction that allows the apprentice to be paid for learning job skills in high demand without training debt; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council, the Department of Labor and Industries Apprenticeship Section, the apprenticeship community, and leaders from business, labor, education, community-based organizations, and government leaders have joined hands to promote and expand apprenticeship; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate for Washington to recognize these efforts on behalf of apprenticeship training and those who actively seek a better future through apprenticeship;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2012 as

### ***Registered Apprenticeship 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 April

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

