

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Global Entrepreneurship Week is the world's largest celebration of the innovators and job creators who launch startups that bring ideas to life, drive economic growth and expand human welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, each November, Global Entrepreneurship Week inspires people through local, national and global activities designed to help them explore their potential as self-starters and innovators; and

**WHEREAS**, these activities, from large-scale competitions and events to intimate networking gatherings, connect participants to potential collaborators, mentors and even investors—introducing them to new possibilities and exciting opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the initiative, kicked off in 2008, has grown to 115 countries—with nearly 24,000 partner organizations planning more than 37,000 activities that directly engage more than 7 million people; and

**WHEREAS**, with so many new jobs in entrepreneurial economies coming from firms less than five years old, leaders around the world are looking to reinvigorate their economies by focusing on ways to stimulate new firm formation. Global Entrepreneurship Week helps map the entrepreneurial ecosystem in those countries; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington State embraces the entrepreneurial spirit, exploring new ideas, seizing opportunities, and acting upon them in a spirited culture of innovation to create 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs and prosperity;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 2012, as

### ***Global Entrepreneurship Week***

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

Signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012

  
Governor Christine O. Gregoire

