

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, residents of Washington State have a proud tradition of environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Puget Sound is a national treasure that houses a unique and beloved ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, Puget Sound significantly supports our state's economy, providing cultural and recreational opportunities and contributing to our unparalleled natural resource base; and

WHEREAS, a healthy and vibrant Puget Sound is an important part of our Northwest culture, quality of life, and legacy to future generations; and

WHEREAS, state agencies, local governments, organizations, and tribes have launched *Puget Sound Starts Here* – a public awareness campaign to engage Washington residents in Puget Sound stewardship; and

WHEREAS, *Puget Sound Starts Here* offers hundreds of opportunities and activities to encourage residents to reduce their individual and cumulative impacts on the Sound;

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

Puget Sound Starts Here Month

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to take action to improve the health of Puget Sound.



Signed this 6th day of April, 2012

Christine Gregoire
Governor Christine O. Gregoire