

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, children learn through play, developing cognitive, physical and social skills, and emotional well-being that will last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, play is a universal experience that transcends social barriers; and

WHEREAS, play includes pretending, acting, problem solving, and teamwork and offers ideal opportunities for parents and caregivers to engage fully with their children; and

WHEREAS, children's museums celebrate the power of play as a way to support children in healthy development, providing nurturing environments that establish common ground for all families; and

WHEREAS, children's museums build creative, compassionate, and innovative communities by engaging children and their adults in the joy of exploration and discovery; and

WHEREAS, more than a million state residents visited a children's museum last year, and Washington State and the Department of Early Learning are committed to helping these vital community institutions open their doors more widely and more often for all families, making play a valued part of our culture;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim June 2008 as

Children's Museum Month

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

Signed this 13th day of May, 2008


Governor Christine O. Gregoire

