

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, classified school employees are involved in nearly every aspect of education, including maintaining school buildings and grounds, providing secretarial and clerical assistance, preparing and serving meals, providing safe transportation, keeping school facilities clean and orderly, assisting in the classroom, providing a secure environment, and many other specialized services; and

**WHEREAS**, these dedicated individuals deserve recognition and thanks for the outstanding work they are doing for this state, their communities, and the children enrolled in Washington's public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, there are nearly 50,000 classified school employees working with and helping children in Washington's public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, classified school employees are instrumental in fulfilling the state's paramount duty to educate children; and

**WHEREAS**, by supporting the learning environment, classified school employees are crucial partners with teachers, parents, administrators, and school boards in public schools;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 8-12, 2010, as

### *Classified School Employee Week*

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

Signed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010

*Christine O. Gregoire*  
Governor Christine O. Gregoire

