

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Labor Day celebrates the dedicated American workers who have made our nation strong and prosperous; and

WHEREAS, Washington's workforce ensures our state continues to serve as a standard for productivity and economic diversity; and

WHEREAS, the effort and enterprise of Washington's workers provide the impetus to weather tough economic times and grow stronger in the process; and

WHEREAS, a key facet in this year's effort is the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) providing \$492 million for 181 state and local highway constructions projects; and

WHEREAS, ARRA funding solves critical transportation needs, creates high-quality jobs, and keeps our state moving despite a difficult economic climate; and

WHEREAS, Washington is committed to strengthening infrastructure and bolstering our workforce by delivering one of the largest highway construction programs in our state's history; and

WHEREAS, every transportation dollar invested goes into local communities to create more services and jobs, and keeps critically important transportation and infrastructure systems in place so travelers and freight continues to move;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, encourage citizens to celebrate Washington transportation workers on Labor Day, September 7, 2009.

Signed this 11th day of August, 2009

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Gregoire".

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

