

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, it is in the state's interest to ensure access to services and mobility for people with special transportation needs; and

**WHEREAS**, people with special transportation needs are defined in 47.06B.012 RCW as "those persons, including their personal attendants, who because of physical or mental disability, income status, or age are unable to transport themselves or purchase transportation"; and

**WHEREAS**, lack of transportation can prevent people with special transportation needs from accessing necessary health and social services, employment, or other life activities; and

**WHEREAS**, a multitude of federal, state, and local agencies and programs are responsible for funding, purchasing, arranging, or providing transportation for people with special transportation needs; and

**WHEREAS**, tax dollars can purchase more rides for more people if these agencies and programs coordinate their transportation services to eliminate duplication and more effectively use scarce resources; and

**WHEREAS**, coordination of special needs transportation is a successful strategy for getting more rides with existing dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation will establish an award of recognition to be granted at the annual public transportation conference to projects that demonstrate increased mobility by coordinating transportation services across federal, state, and local agencies;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gary Locke, Governor of the state of Washington do hereby proclaim June 14, 2004, as

### ***Transportation Coordination Day***

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

Signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004

Handwritten signature of Gary Locke in blue ink.

Governor Gary Locke

