

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, according to the Department of Labor, most of the new jobs created throughout the United States in the past decade have come from the creative efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and

*WHEREAS*, entrepreneurs have been the source of economic innovation throughout the history of the nation; and

*WHEREAS*, economically independent entrepreneurs are engaged citizens who work to improve the economic environment in their local communities, providing better opportunities for businesses to operate, and a better environment for human resources needed to advance their business dreams; and

*WHEREAS*, 70 percent of high school students want to become entrepreneurs, and entrepreneurial skills will assist students in the future regardless of whether they work in an enterprise owned by others, or run their own business; and

*WHEREAS*, it is vital for the nation's schools to provide students with the skills to enable them to become the entrepreneurs of the future; and

*WHEREAS*, Entrepreneurship Education Week will focus on innovative ways that entrepreneurship education can bring together the core academic, technical, and problem-solving skills essential for upcoming entrepreneurs and successful workers in future workplaces;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim February 23 through March 1, 2008, as

### *Entrepreneurship Education Week*

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

Signed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008

*Chris Gregoire*  
Governor Christine O. Gregoire

