

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, literacy can make the difference between the poverty of one generation and the promise of the next, and Page Ahead helps children realize their potential by providing them with the inspiration to read; and

WHEREAS, Page Ahead Children's Literacy Program is the leading provider of children's literacy services in Washington, serving more than 55,000 children in need every year; and

WHEREAS, guided by the fact that literacy is essential to lifelong success, Page Ahead provides new books and develops reading activities that empower at-risk children; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2010, Page Ahead will celebrate the distribution of its 2 millionth book to a local child in need;

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

Page Ahead Day

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

Signed this 21st day of January, 2010

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

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

