

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, we recognize that significant health disparities exist, particularly for Washington's communities of color; and

WHEREAS, all Washingtonians should be afforded equal opportunities to make healthy choices and enjoy good health; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that all of Washington's culturally diverse and special populations have access to health education, protection, promotion and health services is a necessary step toward Washington becoming the healthiest state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, state health agencies, community-based organizations, health care providers, and other private and public entities have been working to reduce health disparities in several health areas; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities, in collaboration with multiple community and state agency partners, is proceeding with prioritizing and making recommendations to the Governor and Legislature for eliminating health disparities in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, Congress has designated April as National Minority Health Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2008 as

Minority Health Month

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens, health service providers, agencies, and organizations to join me in this celebration by seeking knowledge and understanding of health issues for all Washingtonians.

Signed this 31st day of March, 2008

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor Christine O. Gregoire

