

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, pollution prevention reduces or eliminates the amount or toxicity of materials or wastes at the source so they never pollute the air, land, or water; and

WHEREAS, pollution prevention has wide-ranging environmental and economic benefits, reducing the waste and inefficiencies that are the root causes of pollution; and

WHEREAS, pollution prevention's health and environmental benefits include cleaner air and water, fewer greenhouse gas emissions, less toxic waste, greater workplace safety, and better stewardship of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the economic benefits of pollution prevention encompass greater business efficiency, increased competitiveness, less exposure to risks, and reduced costs for regulatory monitoring, fees, and paperwork; and

WHEREAS, Pollution Prevention Week is an opportunity for individuals, businesses, and government to emphasize and highlight their pollution prevention activities and achievements, expand current pollution prevention efforts, and commit to new actions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2012, as

Pollution Prevention Week

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

Signed this 21st day of August, 2012

Chris Gregoire
Governor Christine O. Gregoire

