

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Internet and the capabilities of modern technology cause data privacy issues to figure prominently in many people's lives – at work, in their relations with businesses and government, the health field, e-commerce transactions, and online generally; and

WHEREAS, many individuals are unaware of data protection and of privacy laws, and of specific steps that can be taken to help ensure the privacy of personal information online; and

WHEREAS, Data Privacy Day constitutes an international collaboration and a nation-wide and state-wide effort to raise awareness about data privacy and the protection of personal information on the Internet; and

WHEREAS, public officials from the United States, Canada and Europe, privacy professionals, academics, legal scholars, business representatives and others with an interest in data privacy issues are attempting to further both privacy awareness and the transatlantic discussion of data privacy and protection; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Data Privacy Day will encourage more people, both in Washington and nationwide, to be aware of data privacy concerns and to take steps to protect their personal information online;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim January 28, 2009, as

Data Privacy Day

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

Signed this 20th day of November, 2008

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor Christine O. Gregoire

