

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Western dancing is truly an American form of dance, originating when settlers danced squares, contras, and reels around campfires on their way to our Western shores; and

WHEREAS, square dancing has been an American tradition since our earliest history, promoting the spirit of fellowship among people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the square dance is the official dance of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, 2009 marks the 30th anniversary of the legislation which established the official state dance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 21-27, 2009, as

Square Dance Week

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

Signed this 9th day of July, 2009

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Gregoire".

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

