

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington has benefited from the economic contributions made by Asian and Pacific Islander American (API) businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, each API ethnic group provides its own cultural, social, and economic diversity in communities throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, API businesses contribute to employment growth and economic vitality in Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, API businesses and business leaders support the academic development and achievement of API business students by contributing to the API Scholarship Endowment; and

**WHEREAS**, API business leaders have worked hard to establish, develop, and maintain their businesses, and serve as strong role models for the next generation of all business professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 1, 2008, business professionals, entrepreneurs, friends, family, students, and the community will honor Alex Tran of Western United Fish, Ben Zhang of Greater China Industries, Jean Nakayama of Maneki Restaurant, Tim Nguyen of Avidian Technologies, Alex Rolluda of Rolluda Architects, Craig Higashi of Spokane Produce, Rita Brogan of PRR, Inc., Arpita and Rajeev Agarwal of MAQ Software, Mulvaney G2 Architects, and the Korean American Grocers Association of Washington for their outstanding business achievements, and celebrate the contributions they have made to improve the lives of Washington residents;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2008, as

### ***Asian and Pacific Islander American Business Leaders Day***

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

Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine O. Gregoire".

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

