

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1911, the Washington State Legislature passed, and Governor Marion E. Hay signed, the Port District Act; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 1911, the Port of Seattle became the first autonomous municipal corporation in Washington and the United States that specialized in harbor and port terminals and development of commerce; and

WHEREAS, for the past century, the Port of Seattle has been a leader in the movement of people and trade to and from our state and the world; and

WHEREAS, today, the Port of Seattle is the state's largest and most diverse port, encompassing maritime cargo and cruise businesses, real estate holdings, marinas, the homeport for the North Pacific fishing fleet, the region's largest international airport, an international conference center and World Trade Center, and more than 20 public parks; and

WHEREAS, more than 190,000 jobs, more than \$17 billion in business revenue and \$867 million in state and local taxes are directly related to Port of Seattle activity; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle is recognized as a leader in environmental stewardship, the Green Gateway for international shipping and travel; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle is embarking on its *Century Agenda* to plan for the vital role they will play in the new century;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 5, 2011, as

Port of Seattle Day

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

Signed this 19th day of August, 2011


Governor Christine O. Gregoire

