

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the *Sandwich Generation* is defined as those caring for their children as well as their own aging parents, and according to the Pew Research Center, just over one of every eight Americans aged 40 to 60 are both raising a child and caring for a parent; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau statistics indicate that the number of Americans aged 65 or older will double by the year 2030, to over 70 million; and

WHEREAS, the state of Washington has an active, productive *Sandwich Generation* population; and

WHEREAS, communities throughout the United States will be commemorating and celebrating the month of July as a tribute to the dedication, patience and caring of adults who are part of the *Sandwich Generation*—those caring for their children as well as their own parents;

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

Sandwich Generation Month

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

Signed this 19th day of June, 2009

Christine Gregoire

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

