

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, forests are among the most precious resources in Washington State and provide numerous benefits for our economy, rural communities, fish and wildlife, clean air and water; and

WHEREAS, forest management has been a part of the culture, history, and economic well-being of our state; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Forest Protection Association (WFPA) is an Olympia-based, non-profit organization whose members are individual and corporate forest landowners, both large and small; and

WHEREAS, WFPA members are committed to promoting responsible forest management as a preferred land use in order to produce forest products and environmental benefits for the public; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1908, WFPA is celebrating a century of stewardship, demonstrating the flexibility, stamina, courage and collaborative approach it takes to sustain a healthy forest economy; and

WHEREAS, through collaborative approaches, WFPA has a history of leading the way in addressing forest-related natural resources challenges – an example is the completion of the historic Forest and Fish Accord; and

WHEREAS, because of its ability to adapt, innovate and lead, the forest industry is a sunrise industry with a bright future as it incorporates public values and quality of life with economic growth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 11, 2008, as

Washington Forest Protection Association's 100th Anniversary Celebration

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to commit to making decisions that value our precious forest resources, and work together to maintain our rural working forests for the countless benefits they provide.



Signed this 10th day of March, 2008

Christine Gregoire

Governor Christine O. Gregoire