

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, private, religious, and independent schools play an integral role in the education of the children of the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, these independent schools, through the active participation and commitment of their sponsoring communities, their leadership, faculty, staff, families, and volunteers, provide our citizens with a diversity of educational opportunities in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, included in the mission of Washington's private, religious, and independent schools is the intent to strengthen education for all children in the state of Washington; and

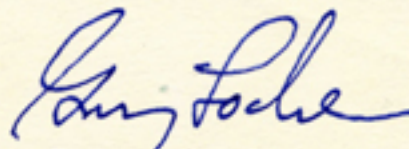
WHEREAS, more than five hundred private, religious, and independent schools in the state of Washington, greatly contribute to the quality of life for all our citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Locke, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2004 as

Private Schools Month

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

Signed this 5th day of January, 2004


Governor Gary Locke

