

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Operation Lookout® National Center for Missing Youth, based in Everett, Washington, is committed to assisting victims families, at no charge, through family casework and its international 24 hour help-line (1-800-LOOKOUT); and

WHEREAS, a parent's worst nightmare is not knowing where their child is at or with whom; and

WHEREAS, Operation Lookout was founded in 1984 as a grassroots, non-profit organization committed to helping find every lost child; and

WHEREAS, Operation Lookout provides victim services and promotes prevention education and a public service campaign *Not with My Child! – You Don't!* alerting the public to the whereabouts of sexual predators in their neighborhood; maintains its website to increase visual impact and exposure of missing children; and works to heighten awareness about abduction; and

WHEREAS, May 25 is observed across Washington, the United States, and Canada as a day to recognize and remember the thousands of children who vanish each year and their families who continue to search;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2009, as

Missing Children's Day

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

Signed this 19th day of May, 2009

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christine O. Gregoire".

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

