

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Cascade Water Alliance purchased Lake Tapps from Puget Sound Energy for use as a municipal water supply; and

**WHEREAS**, Pierce County leaders have worked tirelessly to protect and enhance the quality of life in and around Lake Tapps, providing vision, energy, direction, resources and leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lake Tapps Task Force, created to preserve and save the lake, supports Cascade's purchase and its commitment to operate Lake Tapps for people, fish, and water; and

**WHEREAS**, the Puyallup and Muckleshoot Tribes support Cascade's efforts to ensure in-stream flows and stewardship for fish; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lake Tapps Community Council, comprised of area homeowner associations, supports Cascade's commitment to maintain lake levels for recreational use throughout the summer; and

**WHEREAS**, Auburn, Bonney Lake, Buckley, and Sumner support Cascade's efforts to make certain their water needs are met for the next several decades; and

**WHEREAS**, once the future of Lake Tapps was uncertain, and is now secured for generations to come;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim February 5, 2010, as

### *Lake Tapps Celebrating New Beginnings Day*

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

Signed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Gregoire".

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

