

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, John Chen, Chairman of ASPI Group, Inc., came to the United States in 1972, and has been a leader in the Asian-American community and the Washington State business community for four decades; and

**WHEREAS**, through his relationships with community and business leaders throughout Asia, John has played a key role in generating increased tourism from Asia and cross cultural awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, John has consistently assisted the state in its efforts to position Washington as a *commerce gateway* to Asia by promoting our agricultural products and business opportunities throughout the Pacific Rim, and through ASPI's repeated participation in official trade missions to Taiwan, the People's Republic of China, Japan and Korea; and

**WHEREAS**, John and his firm have been supportive of Washington's successful efforts to recruit major multi-national employers including the BMW/SGL Automotive Carbon Fiber Facility in Moses Lake, and retain multi-national employers such as the Boeing 7E7 Assembly Facility; and

**WHEREAS**, John has consistently promoted the development of Asian Direct Foreign Investment to Washington, enhancing business investments and expansion, and he has endorsed public/private partnerships, increasing economic and cultural opportunities with Asia; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than four decades, John's wise and generous counsel has assisted new Asian-Americans in becoming successful, valuable, and integral parts of Washington's culture and economy;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2012, as

### *John Chen Appreciation Day*

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

Signed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

