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Washington State Declares January 10, 2007, Physics Education Day

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The American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT; <http://www.aapt.org>) announced that Governor Christine O. Gregoire of Washington State proclaimed January 10, 2007, as **Physics Education Day** in Washington State.

The official State of Washington Proclamation document stated:

WHEREAS, advances in our national and global economy and enhancements in our quality of life depend in large measure on physics, the mother of modern science; and

WHEREAS, Washington State physics teachers have demonstrated through their commitment to teaching that they care deeply about student learning and physics development; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) supports the development of effective teaching resources and professional enhancement programs for physics teachers in high schools, colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, physics teachers in Washington State are influencing and developing the next generation of physicists and physics teachers through excellence in physics education; and

WHEREAS, physics teachers collectively contribute to physics education and research, from which the citizens of Washington State can greatly benefit intellectually, economically and socially;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim January 10, 2007, as

Physics Education Day

in Washington State, and I urge all people in our beautiful and dynamic state to imagine the possibilities offered by the efforts of physics teachers and their advancement of physics education.

Signed this 10th day of January, 2007
Governor Christine O. Gregoire

The Proclamation was read on the day of issuance by Stamatis Vokos, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Physics at Seattle Pacific University at the

first Symposium on Physics Education titled “Overcoming Gravity: The Critical Force of Physics Education in Boosting National Competitiveness.”

I am very pleased to represent the AAPT Washington State and read this proclamation on behalf of the State of Washington and our physics education community,” added Stamatis Vokos. “AAPT plays an important role among high schools, colleges and universities in advancing the teaching and learning of physics in service of the greater good.”

“We are very pleased that Governor Gregoire’s issued proclamation stated and recognized the importance of physics teachers, physics education and the enhancement of teaching programs” said Toufic Hakim, AAPT Executive Officer. “This is very consistent with Gov. Gregoire’s agenda to enhance science education throughout the State. AAPT is ready to support and drive any effort that leads to increased interest in physics.”

About AAPT

AAPT is the leading organization for physics educators—with more than 10,000 members worldwide. Our mission is to enhance the understanding and appreciation of physics through teaching. And we provide our members with many opportunities for professional development, communication, and student enrichment.

AAPT was founded in 1930 and is headquartered in the American Center for Physics in College Park, MD.

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