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## *Greetings from the Governor*

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I am pleased to extend warm greetings to all of those attending the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Latino Youth Summit, *Pasos Hacia el Exito – Steps Towards Success*.

Diversity is one of our nation's greatest strengths, and I count it a privilege to have a vibrant Latino community contributing to the social, artistic, and economic vitality of Washington. Sponsored by the Hispanic Round Table, the Latino Youth Summit provides a wonderful opportunity for Latino youth in Lewis, Thurston, Mason, and Grays Harbor counties to focus on the importance of completing their high school education and to learn more about subsequent college and vocational training opportunities.

Our future rests in the hearts and minds of young people, and I encourage all of the students here today to dream big dreams and to pursue their educational interests with excellence. Our state and nation need strong leaders who will set a positive example for their peers and the next generation, and you have the potential to be one of those leaders. I am proud of you for coming today, and I am confident that your hard work and dedication will lead to great accomplishments and will be an inspiration to all of those around you.

Please accept my best wishes for a rewarding event and for much success in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine O. Gregoire".

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