

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1997, Walter Jones was the sixth overall pick in the first round of the NFL Draft, selected by the Seattle Seahawks; and

WHEREAS, Walter was named *NFL Offensive Rookie of the Month* in October 1997, and earned consensus first-team All-Rookie honors from multiple publications; and

WHEREAS, Walter's 180 starts rank second and his 180 games played rank fourth in Seahawks history; and

WHEREAS, Walter became the first Seahawks offensive lineman to play in the Pro Bowl, and was named to the Pro Bowl nine times – the most in team history; and

WHEREAS, Walter served as team captain during the historic 2005 Seahawks season, winning the NFC Championship and playing an integral role in helping Shaun Alexander become the 2005 NFL MVP; and

WHEREAS, Walter was named a six-time AP All-Pro, and has secured his place as one of the most dominant left tackles of his time; and

WHEREAS, these on-the-field achievements rank second to Walter's commitment to his family and community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2010, as

Walter Jones Day

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in saluting this remarkable player.

Signed this 28th day of April, 2010

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

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

